

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CALLING ON TURKISH-OCCUPIED CYPRUS TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS ARTIFACTS

SPEECH OF

**HON. BILL DELAHUNT**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I am concerned that the voice vote passage of H. Res. 1631, on September, 28, 2010, "Calling for the protection of religious sites and artifacts from and in Turkish-occupied areas of northern Cyprus as well as for general respect for religious freedom," may be detrimental to efforts at reunification of Cyprus.

While the Cyprus dispute is between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has commanded the attention of other countries for decades. In that time, negotiations over Cyprus have involved not only the Cypriot communities, but also Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. The impasse over Cyprus has had a number of implications, including the continuing stalemate on Turkey's accession to the European Union.

While sponsors of H. Res. 1631, spoke about religious tolerance, this legislation is clearly intended to target Turkey and Turkish Cypriots directly. No mention was made about the destruction of Turkish-Muslim cultural sites in the Republic of Cyprus, or the fact that both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities have been working to tackle this problem together since 2008, under a Technical Committee established jointly by the leaders of the two communities.

Turkey, a friend of the United States and a NATO ally, has been supportive of the current discussions within the global community and between the two Cypriot leaders. The continuation of these efforts should be encouraged.

Passage of H. Res. 1631 at this time, could provoke a highly negative reaction and completely sidetrack the ongoing reunification process. Instead of a one-sided resolution, this House should commend and endorse the steps taken by both parties to resolve their longstanding dispute and settle their differences together.

### RECOGNITION OF SHIRLEY H. KEENAN DILL

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mrs. Shirley Keenan Dill. Mrs. Dill, an active member of her community, passed away on January 16, 2010 at the age of 81. She was a model citizen and adored by her colleagues. Her faithful dedication and commitment toward others is unquestionably worthy of this body's recognition.

Mrs. Dill was a lifelong resident of the Parlin section of Sayreville, New Jersey. She was predeceased by her three sisters, Claire Ginsky, Evelyn Szarvas and Joan Dooling and by two brothers, George and William Keenan. Surviving are her husband Homer Dill and daughter and son-in-law Sandi and Wayne Krainski. She also had three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Dill attended Our Lady of Victories School and is an alumna of Sayreville War Memorial High School. Proud to represent her Irish heritage, Mrs. Dill was recognized for her role as the Welcome Home Queen in 1946 following World War II.

Mrs. Shirley Kennan Dill has an exceptional record of community service. Mrs. Dill served as President of the Sayreville Lady Dems for eighteen years. Throughout her life, she also worked on numerous political campaigns, most notably that of former Governor Jim McGreevey. She was best known for making the campaigning process fun and organized unique events such as pep rallies and parades. Similarly, she also led the Democrats to organize multiple volunteer efforts, many of which benefited terminally ill children. Mrs. Dill was also involved with the Sayreville Historical Society, Sayreville Senior Citizens Thursday Club, Middlesex County Federation of Democratic Women and the New Jersey State Federation of Democratic Women. Mrs. Dill was best known for her wit and standing up for what she believed in. She is remembered as an individual who poured her heart and soul into the community and was best known for advocating on behalf of the people of Sayreville. Her persistence served as motivation to other women interested in pursuing political opportunities. Mrs. Dill's hard work has undoubtedly touched many lives and has helped countless people throughout central New Jersey.

As a result of her exceptional work, Mrs. Dill was the recipient of the Peg Roberts Award from the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women. This award is presented to an individual who promotes the Democratic Party and is involved with government and volunteering. Mrs. Dill was the first woman from Middlesex County to be bestowed with this honor.

Madam Speaker, Shirley Keenan Dill dedicated her life to community activism and her actions have touched the hearts and minds of countless men, women and children. Her legacy has served as an inspiration to us all and she will be truly missed.

### JUDGE SAMAC RICHARDSON

**HON. GREGG HARPER**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Judge Samac Richardson for his exceptional public service career in my home state of Mississippi.

Judge Richardson currently lives in Brandon, Mississippi in the Third Congressional District, where his reputation for fair and just judgment led to a post as Circuit Judge for Mississippi's 20th Judicial District in Madison and Rankin Counties. Mississippi's Circuit Court serves 22 districts with 49 judges, trying both felony criminal cases and civil actions.

Prior to his thirteen years of elected service on the Circuit Court, Judge Richardson spent five years as Rankin County Court Judge, six years as Assistant District Attorney, five years as a public defender, five years as Rankin County School Board hearing officer and three years as Pearl, Mississippi City Attorney.

Judge Richardson's conservative interpretation of the Mississippi Constitution is without doubt a reflection of his Mississippi upbringing. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1975 from the former Jackson School of Law, now Mississippi College School of Law, completed his undergraduate studies in Accounting at Mississippi State University, attended courses at East Central Community College and graduated from Philadelphia High School in 1965. Additionally, Judge Richardson is a 1993 graduate of the National Judicial College.

Judge Samac Richardson will retire from the bench in December leaving behind a legacy of impartiality. Judge Richardson has dedicated his life to a career of public service and for this, Madam Speaker, this Member of Congress thanks him.

### HONORING SENATOR STEVEN C. PANAGIOTAKOS

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Steven C. Panagiotakos from the Fifth District of Massachusetts for his exemplary service to the citizens of the City of Lowell and the towns of Tyngsboro, Westford, Groton, Dunstable and Pepperell as a Massachusetts State Representative and Senator.

Senator Panagiotakos was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate in 1996. Prior to that Senator Panagiotakos served two terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and two terms as a member of the Lowell School Committee. Rising through the ranks to become Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Panagiotakos was charged with the oversight to develop and guide the Commonwealth's budget through one of the worst fiscal crises since the Great Depression.

Senator Panagiotakos has exhibited a lifelong commitment to the City of Lowell and the communities he represents. Known for his leadership style of compromise with Democrats and Republicans, he was able to help secure funding for local projects such as the

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Hamilton Canal District, the Emerging Technology Center at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, the redevelopment of the Lawrence Mills and the Julian D. Steele public housing project.

Senator Panagiotakos and his wife, Christine, along with their two daughters, Giana and Alexandria, live in the Highlands neighborhood in Lowell, just two streets over from his childhood home. As Senator Panagiotakos said it best, "The thing that made me the most proud was not being called 'Senator' or 'Mr. Chairman,' but when they said 'Steve Panagiotakos, from Lowell.'"

Upon his retirement, I wish to thank him for his friendship, recognize him for his unyielding leadership in the Massachusetts Senate, and congratulate him for his distinguished career.

IN HONOR OF THE NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER, CARDEROCK DIVISION—SHIP SYSTEM ENGINEERING STATION (NSWCCD-SSES) PHILADELPHIA

### HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division—Ship System Engineering Station, NSWCCD-SSES, at the Philadelphia Naval Business Center. Since 1910, when Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop authorized the first funding be directed to what is now the Ship Systems Engineering Station, SSES, that organization has served our community, Navy and nation with great distinction.

Today, SSES executes a budget of over \$380 million and employs 1,600 engineers, scientists, technicians and support personnel. That workforce reflects the hard working, industrious nature of dedicated patriotic Americans throughout the Delaware Valley. The results of their labor are a stronger nation and safer world. With the singular purpose of sending USN Bluejackets to sea with the best possible equipment, this proud organization, under the leadership of Rear Admiral Jim Shannon, Captain Alexander Desroches and Patricia Woody maintains a covenant between our citizens and Sailors. It guarantees that our Navy will always be better designed, built and maintained than any other in the world. In conflicts for a century, our Navy has sailed into harms way with a quantitative advantage in readiness that is the result of those talented, dedicated professionals of SSES Philadelphia and their 54,000 colleagues of the Naval Sea Systems Command, NAVSEA, located in 34 cities across the United States and Asia. Together they help fulfill the vision of General George Washington, who wrote to Marquis De Lafayette nearly two hundred thirty years ago, "It follows that as certain as the night succeeds the day that without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it everything honorable and glorious."

As NAVSEA and NSWCCD-SSES work today to support our naval forces in two conflicts, it is my honor to join all the good citizens of the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and Americans throughout this great nation in recognizing their 100 years of excel-

lence in naval engineering and wish them another century of continued success in every endeavor.

HONORING JAMES GREEN

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Green. James is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 38, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, James contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. James planned and constructed a picnic shelter for visitors and staff at the Saint Joseph Fire Museum in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Green for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF TIM SMITH AND ALAN COLE

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize two innovative Delaware entrepreneurs, Tim Smith and Alan Cole, of Delmarva Digital, a leading web application software company based in Laurel, Delaware and serving the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The son of a United States Air Force veteran and a public school teacher, Tim Smith is the definition of success. Tim is co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Delmarva Digital. But Tim Smith is more than just successful in business; he is also a devoted husband and a pillar in his community, contributing his time to charitable causes including traveling to developing countries to teach aspiring entrepreneurs how to achieve their dreams.

Alan Cole is the son of a State Police officer and a professor at Delaware Technical and Community College. He is a highly decorated combat veteran having served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. As a Military Intelligence Officer with the National Security Administration, Alan held the highest security clearance that exists. Alan is a founder and Chief Technology Officer of Delmarva Digital, where he is the lead software and systems architect, network and security expert, and the manager of operations.

I am proud to join the Laurel Chamber of Commerce in recognizing exceptional Delaware entrepreneurs like Tim Smith and Alan Cole. I thank them for their hard work in busi-

ness and for their dedication to their community.

IN RECOGNITION OF WARREN SLOCUM

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Warren Slocum for his 23 exceptional years of public service to the residents of San Mateo County.

Warren has demonstrated a commitment to serving the public's interest ever since he took office in 1987. He is a graduate of San Diego State University, and has studied at both Harvard and Stanford Universities. Throughout his career, he has remained deeply committed to enhancing democracy through streamlining and bringing greater efficiency to the way people vote. He conducted California's first Poll Worker Academy, its first Internet Voting Demonstration Project, and founded the California Trial Court Training Institute at Stanford University.

Madam Speaker, Warren Slocum is that rarest of all public officials—a policy wonk and green eyeshade administrator with a delightful personality. For example, he was passionate about helping people vote by mail. When others argued that it would be fraught with problems or high costs, Warren disputed this assertion through detailed—some would argue painfully explicit—discussions of the inner workings of modern voting. Warren's bottom line is always the same: The right of people to govern must always be supported by secure voting systems that make it easier to express the will of the people.

Madam Speaker, in an era when no one understood butterfly ballots or chads, Warren Slocum promoted the sound use of computerized equipment, and he also did something innovative—he hired high school workers to help run the voting machines. My staff reported a sharp contrast between a computerized polling place in Orange County and one in San Mateo. In Orange County, one of the baby boomer voters kicked the electric plug out of the socket at 7 p.m. on election night and a dozen computerized voting machines crashed. The result? 100 baby boomers scratching out their ballots on paper because the baby boomer poll workers couldn't get the machines up and running again. In San Mateo County, by contrast, the teenagers hired by Warren Slocum would simply roll their eyes with that, "What will our parents do next?" look, and then reboot the computers. Madam Speaker, sometimes the old lead the young by example, but in the world of Warren, the savvy lead us all in pursuit of a better democracy, whether the savvy are old or young.

Warren Slocum is also the co-founder of the Smart Voter Project, a revolutionary website that was the first to offer personalized election information based on a voter's address. He created efficiencies in the valuation of property in his role as the county's tax assessor. He actively reduced the assessments of homes when values fell during times of economic hardship, and he found highly competent personnel to value newly-purchased property and improvements of property in a timely manner.

The result? Property tax assessments in San Mateo County are fair and governments receive a reliable stream of revenue for essential services.

Warren Slocum celebrated the right of all adults to marry, and was a leader in ensuring that the courthouse door was open for those who wished to formalize their relationships. In San Mateo County, we proudly welcome into our hearts all those who Warren's office welcomed into its lobby.

During his tenure, Warren's office has been called the "Office of the People," and rightly so. His career of excellence in public service has been a living tribute to the mission of delivering smart, efficient, and accessible government to the people of California.

Madam Speaker, Warren Slocum is a remarkable Californian: he's a husband, a father, a veteran, an innovator, and a devoted public servant. It is indeed fitting that he receives special recognition for his retirement as the Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder on November 18, 2010.

#### GENE ROSSI REMEMBERED

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition Gene Rossi. A long-time personal friend, a model citizen and a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Mr. Rossi will be truly missed by the many people whose lives he has touched. Born on May 12 1926, Mr. Rossi was part of our greatest generation and his life story embodies that to the fullest. Gene's accomplishments began early, notably at Warren G. Harding High School where he was the senior class president and captain of the basketball team, an All-Ohio selection that year.

It was not long after Gene was leading his high school basketball team that he was fighting for our freedom as an Army soldier in the Battle of the Bulge. Returning after the conclusion of World War II, Gene received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army and returned to Warren, Ohio where, throughout the 1940s, he worked as a timekeeper for Mullins Manufacturing, played semi-pro basketball with the Warren Coaches and later graduated from Youngstown College with a B.S. degree in business administration.

It was 62 years ago this September that Gene and his wife, Ginny, were married in 1948.

A veteran of war, a college graduate, and a newlywed, Gene in 1950 founded Warren's Rossi Insurance Agency, from which he never retired. His accomplishments in the insurance business included those of trustee of the Independent Insurance Agents of Ohio and president of the Trumbull County Independent Insurance Agents. His membership in the Trumbull County Association of Life Underwriters included more than 50 years of service as a respected agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Gene loved sports—baseball, basketball, football, tennis and golf. It is in sports where he distinguished himself as a 1992 inductee into and trustee of the Warren Sports Hall of Fame. In 1999, he received the Man of the

Year Award from the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame.

Gene's membership in local clubs and organizations included BOE Lodge 295, American Legion Post 278, VFW Post 1090, Knights of Columbus 620, where he was past Grand Knight, Buckeye Club, Trumbull Country Club and Notre Dame Subway Alumni.

A member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Gene's faith was paramount. For his devoted participation, he received the honor Cross Pro-Ecclesia Et Pontifice (Cross for the Church and Pontiff) in 2000, served on the Youngstown Diocese Financial Advisory Board and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

A man who could have hung his hat up time and time again after service to his country, family, and community, Gene never stopped giving back. Gene loved and served his community and was noted numerous times for his efforts. In 1986, he served as president of the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce and was recipient of its Distinguished Citizen award. In 2001, he was named president of the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corp. and was recipient of its Person of the Year award. In 2006, he was an inductee into the Warren Harding Distinguished Hall of Fame. Gene also served as a trustee for the St. Joseph Development Foundation, YSU Foundation and CSC, Copperweld, Scholarship Foundation.

On August 17, 2010, at the age of 84, Gene Rossi passed away from complications of prostate cancer. He is survived and sorely missed by the family he devoted so much of his life to, his wife of over sixty years, Ginny; their four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Rosanne, E. Jeffrey and Carol, Dennis and Luann, and Gregory and Leslie, all of Warren; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Louise Rose and Elaine Wallace; and brother, Anthony G. (Marilyn) Rossi.

It is hard to sum up the life of a man like Gene Rossi—a man who truly lived the American dream. He bore the hardships of the Great Depression, fought in one of the deadliest battles in American history, and returned home to spend a lifetime of devotion building a wonderful family and a successful business all while being a man of faith and a pillar in his community. Madam Speaker I want to thank Gene Rossi, for his service to his country abroad, his service to his community at home, and for his dear friendship.

#### CALLING ON JAPAN TO ADDRESS CHILD ABDUCTION CASES

SPEECH OF

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the names of the children abducted to Japan whose left-behind American parent has contacted me directly.

M.B., abducted to Japan July 21, 1995

E.B., abducted to Japan July 21, 1995

Ezra Lui, abducted to Japan November 13, 1999

Kaira Kelly Litwiller, abducted to Japan June 10, 2003

Takoda Tei Weed, abducted to Japan January 16, 2004

Tiana Kiku Weed, abducted to Japan January 16, 2004

Kento Didier Touboule, abducted to Japan October 15, 2005

Mary Victoria Lake, abducted to Japan August 2005

Kai Hachiya, abducted to Japan December 28, 2006

Masahiro Brown, abducted in Japan since April of 2007

David N. Gessleman, abducted to Japan May 13, 2007

Joshua K. Gessleman, abducted to Japan May 13, 2007

Kaya Summer Xiao-Lian Wong, abducted to Japan August 2007

Wayne Kosaku Sawyer, abducted to Japan December 15, 2008

Yuuki Patrick McCoy (Kojima), abducted in Japan August 17, 2008

Keisuke Christian Collins, abducted to Japan June 16, 2008

Sean Hillman, abducted to Japan July 5, 2008

Kana Sugiyama-Gomez, abducted to Japan April 10, 2008

Joe Yamada, abducted to Japan September 1, 2008

Grace Danielle Starr, abducted to Japan January or February 2009

Brian Senna Starr, abducted to Japan January or February 2009

"Mochi" Atomu Imoto Morehouse, abducted to Japan June 23, 2010

Mr. Speaker, the United States is currently seeking the return of at least 136 abducted American children.

#### RECOGNIZING COUNCILMEMBER BOB CAMPBELL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE VISTA CITY COUNCIL

#### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the public service of Councilman Bob Campbell on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Vista. I commend Councilman Campbell's distinguished career and offer my thanks for his more than 20 years of dedicated public service to the City of Vista.

As a native Californian, Mr. Campbell received an undergraduate degree from Stanford University and a graduate degree from the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Washington. He also served eight distinguished years in the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve.

Prior to joining the City of Vista, Mr. Campbell worked with newspaper publishers for sixteen years before starting his own computer systems consulting firm, Buena Vista Services, Inc., in 1980. It was in 1985 that Mr. Campbell began serving as Chairman of a city panel. Under Councilman Campbell's leadership, the panel's redevelopment plan was successfully approved by voters in 1987.

As Vista's Economic Development Director for nearly 10 years, Councilman Campbell's leadership resulted in the attraction of more than 500 firms and commercial and retail

projects to the City. In 1998, Councilman Campbell also formed and spearheaded the San Diego North Economic Development Council (EDC) where he served for three years.

In 2002 Mr. Campbell became a Vista City Councilmember. In this position Councilman Campbell fought for the construction of the new Vista Civic Center and two new fire stations. Councilman Campbell also worked tirelessly with Mayor Morris Vance and the City Council to lead the initiative in converting Vista into a Charter City to gain maximum local authority.

Councilman Campbell has remained an active community leader having participated on the Board of Directors for the Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Vista Boys' Club, the Vista Rotary Club, the Economic Development Association, the Boy Scouts of America and the Vista YMCA.

I offer Councilman Campbell my congratulations and may he enjoy a rewarding retirement with his family.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to please join me in honoring Councilman Bob Campbell and his 20 years of admirable public service to the City of Vista.

#### IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE POLONIA FOUNDATION OF OHIO, INC. AND THE ANNUAL PU- LASKI DAY OBSERVANCE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Polonia Foundation of Ohio as they unite the community in remembrance and celebration of General Casimir Pulaski, for his legacy of courage and selfless dedication to the people of Poland and the people of the United States of America.

Born on March 4, 1747 in Warzka, Poland, General Pulaski achieved great military success in Poland with his focused leadership and brilliant strategies in fighting the Russian domination of Poland. By 1777, General Pulaski had become one of the most renowned cavalrymen in Europe. While in Paris that year, he was actively recruited by Benjamin Franklin to assist in the American quest for liberation.

Sympathetic to the American cause, General Pulaski sailed to America and was made head of the newly formed American cavalry during the Revolutionary War. General Pulaski's deep level of commitment to the American cause was framed by energy and style. He reportedly wore a plumed hat, flashing saber, and an elaborate uniform, and spent his own money to feed and equip his troops. General Pulaski was involved in many significant battles during the Revolution. His ultimate stand took place in Savannah, Georgia in October 1779, where he led a valiant charge against British artillery. General Pulaski was shot and died a few days later.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of General Casimir Pulaski, who made the ultimate sacrifice in his valiant fight to secure the ideals of the American Revolution. An American hero,

General Pulaski's life and legacy serves as a significant reminder of the vital contributions and great achievements by Polish immigrants within our Cleveland community, and throughout America.

#### REMEMBERING JOHN KURZWEIL

**HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of John Kurzweil, whose passing is a great loss for California and our country. I can only hope that his passion and love for his family, his country and life in general will endure among the countless lives he touched. It was my privilege to know him, my joy to work with him, and today it is my honor to celebrate his life.

John's longtime friend and colleague Bill Saracino offered a moving tribute in John's memory:

JOHN KURZWEIL: THE PASSING OF A PATRIOT  
(By William Saracino)

America lost a true patriot and conservatism lost a fierce warrior and leader on November 9th with the passing of John Kurzweil.

While known to most as the publisher and editor of the California Political Review magazine, John's political involvement dates to the 1970s and Ronald Reagan.

Having just graduated from California State University Humboldt, John was appalled at the state of the country and the national Republican Party in 1974-75. Deciding to do something about it, he walked in an office of Young Americans for Freedom, volunteered to help, and worked the rest of his life advancing conservative ideas and strengthening the conservative movement.

John worked in both the 1976 and 1980 Reagan for President campaigns, as a media writer and spokesman and grassroots college organizer both in California and around the country. His work in 1976 took him to North Carolina, where he became a favorite of Senator Jesse Helms. John returned to the Tar Heel state in 1978 to help in Helms' first reelection campaign.

1980 also started John's association with State Senator H.L. Richardson, who made John the Press Director for the Law and Order Campaign Committee (LOCC). The Committee concentrated on publicizing and campaigning against the "soft on crime" philosophy that permeated California's judiciary at the time.

Before serving a stint as the Communications Director for the California Republican Party, John also was the Editor of Policy Digest for the Heritage Foundation and Senior Editor for the National Catholic Register.

It was then that he formed the California Public Policy Foundation and started publishing the California Political Review. The magazine has just celebrated its 20th anniversary of providing Republicans and conservatives in California with their only state-based source of news, opinion, practical politics and humor. The magazine became a staple in the Capitol and anywhere in California where politics was the topic.

Perhaps more important than any of the above, John was a faithful friend, mentor and helper to hundreds of those who have been and are leaders of the GOP and the conservative movement in the state, fulfilling Ronald Reagan's observation that there is no limit to what could be accomplished if you don't care who gets the credit.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY'S 87TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, on October 29, 2010—while this House was in recess—the Republic of Turkey celebrated Republic Day, and observed the 87th anniversary of its founding. As a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Turkey and Turkish Americans, I take this opportunity to belatedly congratulate our Turkish friends and recognize the long-standing friendship between the United States and the Republic of Turkey.

For over fifty years, Turkey has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the United States, making significant contributions to the peace, security, and prosperity of both its immediate neighborhood and the wider world. An ally in the global struggle against Communism during the Cold War, Turkey has and continues to contribute a great deal to our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan as we act to secure those countries and give them the tools to chart their own courses and become constructive members of the community of nations.

Turkey's international contributions reflect the visions of its founder, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, of a vibrant secular democracy. In times of great change and uncertainty, while there may be questions or differences of opinion about the threats we face, this should be seen as the actions of a mature ally. I do not believe that anyone can question Turkey's commitment to easing tensions, resolving some of the key issues of our time, and its friendship with the United States.

As new members of the Congressional Caucus on Turkey and Turkish Americans have come to discover, Turkish Americans are also playing an important role in strengthening the bonds between our two countries. Turkish Americans come from all backgrounds and make important contributions to all sectors of our society. Additionally, they are participating in greater numbers in the social, political, and economic aspects of our national life. I welcome this engagement, and know that it enriches us as a people.

Again, my congratulations to Turkey and all of its friends in this country on the observance of another Republic Day.

#### RECOGNIZING MILITARY MEDICAL AND AIR CREWS

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H. Res 1605, a bill recognizing the service of the medical and air crews in helping our wounded warriors make the expeditious and safe trip home to the United States.

These physicians, nurses, technicians, and flight air crews represent squadrons of the Air Force Reserve, Air Force National Guard, and Air Force Active Duty. I thank my colleague,

Congressman Mike Thompson, for introducing this bill, which gives us the opportunity to pay tribute to the dynamic support these crews provide to our troops. We commend these Air Force members for their commitment to the well-being of all our service men and women.

Aeromedical services are essential to the success of our Armed Forces, contributing to a survival rate of 98 percent—the lowest mortality rate of any war in U.S. history. Medical and air personnel closely tend to the urgent medical needs of our troops ensuring that they return home with their lives intact. We salute them.

#### RECOGNIZING RANNEY SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ranney School in Tinton Falls, New Jersey as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Ranney School continues to promote academic excellence and encourages a well-rounded education, as well as the development of the student's intellectual, personal, creative and moral promise.

Ranney School founder, Mr. Russel G. Ranney's visions have remained the foundation for the school's small class sizes, curriculum choices, student life activities and campus building expansion. Twelve years after opening the Rumson Reading Institute, Ranney School was founded with seven students and three full-time teachers. College preparation was the main focus of the curriculum. By 1963, Ranney School's increasing student body created the need for an Upper and Middle School, located at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park, New Jersey. In 1965, Ranney School proudly conferred diplomas on the first class of graduates, which also included Ranney School's first National Merit finalist. Ranney School soon moved to its current location on Hope Road in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. Renovations at the new location included work on the Annex, formerly utilized as a horse barn, and included the addition of the Searle Library and a science lab. A multi-purpose lunchroom, study hall and play area were built to further develop the theater arts program and accommodate the 375 enrolled students and 41 teachers. In 1974, Ranney School became accredited by the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools and National Association of Independent Schools. Between 1975 and 1979, the facility, currently known as the Gerhard Pavilion for Athletics, was constructed to provide a recreation center for students. Enrollment soon reached an impressive 549 students and plans for a full-service summer camp, to begin the summer of 1979, were later announced.

In April 1987, Mr. Ranney passed away, leaving behind a firmly established and well respected institution. The Commons Building, which completed its construction on April 10, 1987, served as a fitting tribute to Mr. Ranney's life and work as an innovating educator and visionary. Margaret Mahon succeeded Mr. Ranney and served as Head of School until 1993. During her tenure, Ranney School achieved a number of "firsts," includ-

ing the establishment of the Ranney School Parents Association.

In 1993, Dr. Lawrence S. Sykoff assumed the position and currently presides as Head of School. Dr. Sykoff's vision has been to create an environment for every student to include a wide range of educational opportunities. The launch of the Foundations for Learning campaign further confirmed Dr. Sykoff's commitment to the future development and enhancement of Ranney School. Academic programs have expanded while an infusion of traditions and ceremonies have been brought forward to further enhance the Ranney School curriculum. Relationships with the Parents Association and alumni have also helped to expand and provide a community building, family interaction and school pride. Today, Ranney School is home to 800 students in three divisions, which range from beginners through grade 12.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ranney School as the students, faculty and staff celebrate its 50th anniversary. Ranney School has provided many years of unyielding commitment to academic achievement and is a tremendously valued academic institution.

#### SAM SACCO POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6387, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the "Sam Sacco Post Office Building".

Sam Sacco served as Mayor of the City of Eureka from 1975–1979. He owned and operated an insurance agency in Eureka, where he served the community for 30 years—helping families and responding to every crisis with warmth and generosity that is remembered to this day. Sacco was an ardent advocate for working families and fought vigorously to make sure their interests were protected. His life's mission was to put an end to injustice and help those less fortunate. Mayor Sacco is survived by his wife, Mary Beth; sons, Jim and Sam; and daughter, Lisa. He is fondly remembered by his community.

I am honored to bring this bill to the floor and hope that Sam Sacco's legacy will live on, encouraging others to serve their community to the best of their ability.

#### HONORING MRS. JOYCE MADELINE BUTLER

#### HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Joyce Madeline Butler, a 40-year Southern California resident and a beacon of service to her community.

Mrs. Butler was born July 22, 1943 right here in Washington, DC.

After spending her childhood in DC, Mrs. Butler moved to Hemet, CA. In the late 1960s she met her husband George, and they were married in 1968. When they arrived in Chino Hills, California years later they raised a variety of animals including rabbits, pigs, cows, and chickens. Mrs. Butler joined the Future Farmers of America shortly after cementing her love of animals.

In 1995, Mrs. Butler suffered a heart attack and was given a five-way bypass procedure in January of 1996. After her recovery, she continued to serve her family and was actively involved in her community of Chino Hills.

In 2002, Mrs. Butler took part in the formation of the Los Serranos Neighborhood Group, and in 2005 founded the Support Our Area Residents, SOAR, a group formed to provide area residents with home repairs and yard maintenance. She was recognized as a Chino Hills Citizen of the Year in 2007, and in her final years volunteered for Friends of the Library and Habitat for Humanity.

Mrs. Butler was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2008, and was called home to the Lord on November 9, 2010 at the age of 67 at her home in Chino Hills. She was surrounded by friends and family who maintain she was as comfortable as could be possible.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that this Congress join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Joyce Butler for her years of selfless service to her community.

#### HONORING JACOB R. COGAN

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob R. Cogan. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jacob has earned the rank of Senior Patrol Leader in his troop and the World Conservation Award. Jacob also has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jacob planted flowering shrubs above a retaining wall and installed a park bench at Benner Park in Weston, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob R. Cogan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF JULIA JOZEPHA HADAM KUSEK

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Julia Jozepha Hadam

Kusek, lifelong resident of Cleveland's historic Tremont neighborhood, as we join with her in celebration of her 96th birthday. Mrs. Kusek was born on October 2, 1914 to Polish immigrant parents. Three years earlier, in 1911, her mother, Jozepha and father, Ignatz, made the long journey across the Atlantic, far from their Polish homeland, and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, like thousands of immigrants did—with the common dream and hope for a better life in America.

They raised Julia and her two younger siblings with an unwavering connection to, and abiding love for, the culture, language and traditions of their beloved Polish homeland. By the time she was in the 8th grade, the Great Depression had severely devastated most communities across the country, including Cleveland. With her family struggling to survive, Mrs. Kusek had to quit school in the 8th grade to go to work to help provide for the family. Her lifelong love of fashion, along with her determined spirit, led her to work while taking classes and later graduate from the Darvis School of Fashion and Design, where she graduated with honors. She designed and made beautiful clothes for her family; her talent reflected in her daughters' dresses, worn at school events, holidays and special occasions.

Mrs. Kusek married Stanley Kusek on June 24, 1939. They were devoted to each other until his passing in 1985. Together, they raised three children: Thaddeus, Diane and Carol. Ahead of her time, she worked in May Company's toy department while raising her children and was a loyal employee for forty years. Beyond her family and career, she made time to volunteer at St. John Cantius rectory, school and convent, and cooked for every special event. Her family, faith and Polish heritage continue to be the foundation of her life she remains very close to her children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Julia Jozepha Hadam Kusek of the Tremont neighborhood in Cleveland, as we celebrate her 96th birthday. Her kindness and joy for living continues to be a shining example for all of us to follow.

#### RECOGNITION OF MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of The Mount Olive Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey, and to commemorate their 140 years of service to their community. Throughout the organization's rich history, Mount Olive Baptist Church continues to perform admirably in the areas of home and foreign missions, education and religion. I applaud The Mount Olive Baptist Church and its worshipers, as their achievements and dedication should serve as an inspiration to us all.

In 1870, Mount Olive Baptist Church was formed based upon the desire by Plainfield residents interested in expressing their individual freedom of religion and creating their own house of worship. Mount Olive Baptist

Church began as a scion of the First Baptist Church of Plainfield and remained a mission until Reverend Mitchell's pastorate. During Reverend John Mitchell's tenure, he laid the foundation for an independent and self-supporting church. Along with structural remodeling, the goals set forth by Reverend Mitchell saw completion. These actions laid the foundation for the church's future success.

During the next few years, Mount Olive Baptist Church continued to build and grow both structurally and spiritually. By 1963, further embellishments were added to the structure of Mount Olive Baptist Church and spiritual ties throughout the community continued to grow stronger. June 2000 led the way for the development of the Fellowship Hall and classrooms. Upon its completion in 2002, a new area of worship became available for students and worshipers to learn and practice. The organization has also led the way for the creation of three other Baptist Churches in the city of Plainfield: Shiloh, Calvary and Community Baptist Church. The Mount Olive Baptist Church continues to make a great contribution by teaching its worshipers that religion is practiced, lived and displayed in everyday life.

Currently under the leadership of Reverend Donald DeWitt Nicholas, Sr., Mount Olive Baptist Church and its leadership have worked diligently to ensure that persons joining the church become engaged members. During his tenure, Reverend Nichols has seen a tremendous urgency in addressing the problems facing the Plainfield community. Through acts of volunteerism, the Liberty CDC group was formed. Its mission is to partner with other community organizations to improve the quality of life and to promote the social and economic welfare of the citizens within Plainfield.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledging The Mount Olive Baptist Church and their 140 years of service. Their contributions to civic life as well as charitable and religious organizations make them a tremendously valued organization in my district and the State of New Jersey.

#### HONORING MARIE HIBLER

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions made by Marie Hibler to the thousands of families who have children with mental illness.

More than 35 years ago, the Hibler family found themselves with a new challenge. Roger Hibler, their son, had experienced a very public schizophrenic event. The family knew nothing about mental illness. They did not know where to turn. As Marie once noted, at the time she had to go to the dictionary to find out what schizophrenia was.

At that time, serious mental illness, particularly schizophrenia, were viewed with ignorance, shame and guilt by the public. Those afflicted and their families suffered from the same attitudes. Parents and family were often viewed as the cause of their child's illness rather than its solution. Professional psychiatrists and psychologists had primary responsibility for diagnosis and treatment. Parents and families had little say in the care and treat-

ment of their family member. Before psychotropic medication, individuals with serious mental illness were often locked away under deplorable conditions in inadequate institutions.

When the Hibler family looked for help, they found a system that provided almost no family support. Marie decided that was not acceptable. Although Marie and her late husband Keith did not have training in psychiatry, they did know about families. They knew that they had to turn to their family and friends to find the best possible care for their son.

Marie, a mother and homemaker, came to be one of the prime founders of PAMI, Parent of Adult Mentally Ill. She gave speeches and wrote articles. I know this because I was a neighbor and my mother was Marie's volunteer typist and editor.

The organization she helped create turned into a national movement to inform and educate the country about mental illness. They advocated for the rights and care of mentally ill family members and helped change the way we think about, treat and care for mental illness. Parent volunteers helped each other and those in their families suffering from mental illness.

That organization, PAMI, evolved into NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, with active chapters in every state.

NAMI is celebrating its 35th year this November. While many challenges remain for those who suffer from mental illness and their families, the support and treatment of those with mental illness has greatly improved.

It is especially fitting at this 35th anniversary to thank those parent volunteers who stood up to be counted when there was little help for them, or their sons and daughters. Marie Hibler is someone who fearlessly stepped forward. She wasn't an expert in psychiatry. She was a mother who loved her son. That made all the difference.

#### H. RES. 1631 WILL HARM REUNIFICATION EFFORTS IN CYPRUS

#### HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I am concerned that the voice vote passage of H. Res. 1631, on September 28, 2010, "Calling for the protection of religious sites and artifacts from and in Turkish-occupied areas of northern Cyprus as well as for general respect for religious freedom," may be detrimental to efforts at reunification of Cyprus.

While the Cyprus dispute is between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has commanded the attention of other countries for decades. In that time, negotiations over Cyprus have involved not only the Cypriot communities, but also Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. The impasse over Cyprus has had a number of implications, including the continuing stalemate on Turkey's accession to the European Union.

While sponsors of H. Res. 1631 spoke about religious tolerance, this legislation is clearly intended to target Turkey and Turkish Cypriots directly. No mention was made about the destruction of Turkish-Muslim cultural sites

in the Republic of Cyprus, or the fact that both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities have been working to tackle this problem together since 2008, under a Technical Committee established jointly by the leaders of the two communities.

Turkey, a friend of the United States and a NATO ally, has been supportive of the current discussions within the global community and between the two Cypriot leaders. The continuation of these efforts should be encouraged.

Passage of H. Res. 1631 at this time could provoke a highly negative reaction and completely sidetrack the ongoing reunification process. Instead of a one-sided resolution, this House should commend and endorse the steps taken by both parties to resolve their longstanding dispute and settle their differences together.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 5566 AND THE SENATE  
AMENDMENT THERETO

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 5566, which would stop the sale of animal crush videos.

Nearly everyone agrees that Congress must stop the creation and distribution of animal crush videos, which graphically depict the abuse and killing of animals. In 1999, legislation I introduced to prohibit crush videos was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. This bill effectively shut down the crush video industry. Unfortunately, after the Supreme Court ruling that struck down this law as too broad, however, crush videos came back on the market.

H.R. 5566 passed the House July 20, 2010, by a 416–3 vote. The Senate passed a slightly modified version in September by unanimous consent. But instead of passing the Senate version, the House passed a resolution agreeing to the Senate version but with an amendment.

The House amendment would strip language that makes it a federal crime, punishable by up to seven years in jail, to attempt or conspire to create or distribute a crush video. Under current statute, it is already a federal crime to conspire to violate any federal criminal law, with punishment up to five years in jail.

Given the few remaining days left in this session of Congress, I am concerned that after the House passes this legislation, the Senate will not consider this bill once again and crush videos will continue to proliferate.

I look forward to working with my friends on both sides of the aisle to enact a new law to ban crush videos as soon as possible.

DAVE NIEHAUS: FEBRUARY 19,  
1935–NOVEMBER 10, 2010

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today somberly, recognizing a larger-than-life

entertainer and broadcaster in the Pacific Northwest who passed away on Wednesday, November 10. Dave Niehaus, the fantastic voice of the Seattle Mariners, will be remembered as a terrific husband, father, and grandfather, a loyal employee, and a broadcaster who left an indelible mark in Seattle and beyond.

It's a true honor to know Dave was a constituent of the 8th District of Washington, the District I represent. His wife Marilyn, along with many of Dave's family members and friends remain in the District. I offer my sincere condolences for their loss and thank them for allowing Dave to share his profound gifts with all of us. The public lost an astounding sportscaster on November 10, Madam Speaker, but his family lost a remarkable friend. I wish them all the best in the future.

After word of Dave's death reached the public, Madam Speaker, a Seattle sportswriter wrote this: "The pleasure of listening to him on a stormy day in April or one of those long, lush nights in July always has felt like an inalienable right of being a sports fan in Seattle . . . What a voice!" I can attest to the power of his voice. My family, friends, and staff can as well. We all welcomed him into our homes on summer evenings like a member of the family. The talent he possessed was both enviable and cherished, Madam Speaker. When the Seattle Mariners take the field on Opening Day next year, every individual on and off the field will be thinking of Dave.

The Seattle Mariners have played 5,385 games since they became a franchise in 1977. Dave Niehaus called 5,284 of those games, Madam Speaker. What a legacy! I doubt an organization anywhere can depend on an employee like the Mariners depended on Dave. And he didn't just show up, Madam Speaker. He defined his profession and he finally earned the ultimate recognition in 2008: Major League Baseball Hall of Fame's Ford C. Frick award, the highest honor a baseball broadcaster can achieve—an honor he richly deserved.

Madam Speaker, Dave is one of the finest sportscasters of all time, regardless of the sport. His Hall-of-Fame career will never be forgotten. Children in middle school right now will be telling their grandkids about listening to Dave on the radio—reminiscing on his classic voice and truly incredibly talents. His catches phrases will be immortalized and his unfailing optimism will never die. God bless his wonderful family and, Madam Speaker, I speak for millions of baseball fans when I say Dave will be greatly missed, thank you.

HONORING GERALD JENKINS

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional district to honor the life and memory of Specialist Gerald Jenkins.

Gerald Jenkins, of Circleville, Ohio, joined the U.S. Army at age 17. He served as a combat engineer assigned to the 1st Brigade Special Troop Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division in Fort Campbell, Ky. Most recently, Gerald served with his division on deployment in Afghanistan.

On October 20th, 2010, Gerald Jenkins died in the line of duty while his unit was on foot patrol in Maquan, Zhari district.

Gerald Jenkins, 19, was a young man dedicated to his friends, family and country. His family remembers him as always putting others first and for the pride he took in serving this nation. He excelled in his job and aspired to make a career in service in the Armed Forces.

During his service, Gerald was the recipient of many awards including the Army Achievement Medal; Army Commendation Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

Gerald Jenkins will be remembered for his selflessness, his bravery and for his life of service to this country.

HONORING DR. DENNIS FISHER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the 2010 Missouri Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Dennis Fisher.

Dennis has served as the Superintendent of Park Hill School District since 2005. Under Dennis' leadership, Park Hill has become one of the most distinguished school districts in Missouri. The school district was the first in the state to receive the Missouri Quality Award and has continued to receive the Distinction in Performance Award each year from the state. Dennis has also provided leadership to numerous professional advisory committees, helping school districts throughout the state provide a higher quality of education to the leaders of tomorrow.

Dennis is respected by not only his staff and students, but also the parents and community. He is a leader in the community and plays an active role in the development and betterment of the area. Under his direction, the staff and students strive to the highest of character.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dr. Dennis Fisher for his accomplishments and for his efforts put forth in serving the students of Park Hill School District.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
TOM JELEPIS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of my friend Tom Jelep, devoted family man and community leader. His dedicated service and civic contributions continue to make a positive difference throughout our community.

Mr. Jelep was born in Cleveland and raised in nearby Lakewood, Ohio. His parents, Joanne and Leonard, raised his siblings and him with a focus on family, faith and service to others, values that Mr. Jelep continues to carry with him today. He attended Cuyahoga



Community College and Cleveland State University before joining the United States Marine Corps. Following three years of honorable military service, he successfully ran for public office and served for two terms as the Mayor of Bay Village. Following his time as Mayor, he helped develop a small business which he operates today.

In addition to his public and professional accomplishments, Mr. Jelepis' focus on family has never wavered. He is the dedicated husband of Beverly and devoted father of Elizabeth and Caitlin. His commitment to charity is reflected at St. Raphael Catholic Church, where he and his family are longtime members and volunteers.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Tom Jelepis, who lives his life with energy, kindness and service to our community. Mr. Jelepis is a true gentleman known for his integrity, generosity and kind nature. His friendship has touched the lives of many, including my own.

**IN RECOGNITION OF NEW BRUNSWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT 175TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the New Brunswick Police Department as its family and friends gather to celebrate the organization's 175th Anniversary. Since its founding in 1835, the New Brunswick Police Department has faithfully protected the local residents, businesses and visitors in the City. Their honorable actions are undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

The New Brunswick Police Department has a proud and long standing history. From its humble beginnings, in which two officers patrolled the City, the New Brunswick Police Department has grown exponentially. The Department has continued to provide a safe and peaceful environment in the City through effective and impartial law enforcement. They are also committed to meeting the needs of residents and businesses through active participation and community partnerships. Today, more than 130 dedicated men and women nobly protect the community as part of the New Brunswick Police Department.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the New Brunswick Police Department on its 175th Anniversary and thanking the thousands of men and women who have served and protected the City of New Brunswick.

**CONGRATULATING THE COPPELL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 2010 STATE MARCHING BAND CONTEST**

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I seek recognition to congratulate the Coppell High School Marching Band from Coppell, Texas

for their outstanding season of competition and reaching the Finals in the 2010 5A State Marching Band Contest.

The 350-member Coppell High School Marching Band has been a great source of pride for the citizens of Coppell for many years. Since the 1990s, the band has brought home gold and bronze medals from the State Championship, performed in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, won several regional marching contests, marched St. Patrick's Day parades in New York and Dublin, and continued a tradition of excellence that develops character, discipline, and leadership on and off the marching field.

In early August, not only will you find the football team beginning two-a-days at Coppell High, but you will likewise see the marching band practicing twice a day in the school parking lot. As a long-time resident of North Texas, I can tell you being outside hours at a time in 100-degree heat is the last thing most people would want to do in August. But every year, this dedicated group of students braves the elements and commits themselves entirely in the spirit of competition, their love of music, and devotion toward each other, their school, and their town.

It is this level of dedication and hard work that earned Coppell the honor of performing in the Finals of the 5A State Marching Band Contest this year. Reaching that point required several rounds of competition where, out of the 250 public high schools under the 5A classification, only 10 reached the Finals in the Alamo Dome in San Antonio on the night of November 2, 2010. Though Coppell did not take a place on the podium that night, the honor and thrill of being one of the last remaining bands should be a source of pride and respect for all the students who participated.

I want to specifically congratulate Scott Mason, Director of Bands for the Coppell Independent School District, his outstanding staff of directors and instructors, the drum majors, the section and squad leaders, and captains of the colorguard and drumline for leading their students through another successful year. Their continued accomplishments are well-deserved and hard-won.

I wish further success for these young people in their future pursuits in music and in life. I hope the important lessons learned by these students will remain with them forever.

**CONGRATULATING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, OUR LADY OF CHARITY ASSEMBLY 3089 OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, today, I want to congratulate the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Charity Assembly 3089 of Sarasota, Florida, for receiving the Knights of Columbus "To Be a Patriot" Award for its service to our Nation's veterans.

The "To Be a Patriot" Award recognizes the three best international patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree assemblies. Assembly 3089 received the 2009–2010 award for its assistance at indigent funerals within the Sarasota National Cemetery.

The assembly was recognized for its efforts to ensure that every indigent buried at Sarasota National Cemetery has someone available at their funeral to accept the U.S. Flag. During the ceremony, an assembly member dressed in tuxedo with the social baldric voluntarily accepts the veteran's flag as a show of honor to those who selflessly served in our military.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 13th District, I thank Our Lady of Charity Assembly 3089 for helping to ensure that our veterans are laid to rest with the honor and dignity these heroes deserve.

It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge it has rightfully received this prestigious award.

**HONORING TERRY E. CALDWELL**

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of outgoing Victorville City Councilmember, and nine-time Mayor, Terry E. Caldwell.

Terry was first appointed to the Victorville City Council on April 20, 1972, and completed eight consecutive terms. Born in Riverside, California, Terry graduated from Barstow High School in 1956 and went on to study at Taft College, San Jose State University, did MBA work at the University of Southern California, and obtained his law degree from the Southern California School of Law.

Terry's distinguished career in public service spans nearly forty years. He helped grow Victorville from a small town into a sprawling community, greatly improving the quality of life of families throughout the valley. Never shying away from new challenges, Terry took on responsibilities with the State Regional Water Quality Control Board, served over 10 years as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Victor Valley Economic Development Authority, worked on the Victorville Planning Commission, Victorville Sanitary District, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Terry also played a vital role in the acquisition of the former George Air Force Base—now the Southern California Logistics Airport—from the U.S. Air Force. This included the purchase of 5,000 acres and the development of a long-range economic development plan. Other major accomplishments for the Victor Valley under Terry's leadership include: Construction of the Bear Valley Road Interchange, bringing Victorville the Mall of Victor Valley, growth of the Bear Valley Redevelopment Area, and development of the Auto Park at Valley Center. All of these accomplishments brought jobs, economic development, and a growing number of residents to Victorville.

Terry leaves behind a remarkable legacy of public service and lasting impact on the residents of Victorville. I want to congratulate Terry, his wife Pat, and his three children, Christie, Carrie, and Leon for helping create a vibrant future for the Victor Valley.



SUPPORTING GOLD STAR  
MOTHERS DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support in recognition of Gold Star Mothers Day, which is celebrated the last Sunday of September. These mothers have given the supreme sacrifice for their country: they have lost a son or daughter serving in the Armed Forces. But instead of mourning alone, these courageous women have taken their personal loss and used it to help others in the same situation.

Several weeks ago, I hosted the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, along with Rep. CORRINE BROWN of Florida and Rep. SANFORD BISHOP of Georgia. At that conference, we were honored to have here with us Ms. Aseneth Blackwell, a former President of the Gold Star Wives of America, a sister organization of the Gold Star Mothers. Both members of these organizations have lost loved ones in service for their country.

These honorable women provide support to those who may not know who to turn to. They provide a listening ear and sympathetic voice to the bereaved, because they have been there too. They assist veteran's families in understanding and obtaining the benefits provided by the government for veteran's families. And they make sure that the Nation never forgets those sacrifices made by the men and women of the Armed Forces.

My condolences go out to any family member that has lost a spouse, a child, or a parent in the service of their country. That is why I am proud to speak today on behalf of this bill that recognizes the sacrifice made by mothers of this country, by observing Gold Star Mothers Day. I also commend President Obama for his proclamation on September 24th, asking the public to observe this special day with them.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to participate in a series of votes on the floor of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, November, 16, 2010.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 569, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 716, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 570, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1475, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 571, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1428, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

CONGRATULATING JEANNA  
WALKER**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Portage Northern High School Library Media Center and Media Center Specialist Jeanna Walker for being selected by the American Association of School Libraries as the most outstanding library program in the State of Michigan and one of the top 35 programs in the nation.

The media center was remodeled last summer to fully envision the goal of delivering 21st century skills to both students and teachers. With a media classroom and three classroom areas all equipped with the technology-enhanced classroom model, the media center and learning commons are overflowing with teaching and learning on a daily basis. The media center is an active learning environment for the student population and is being used by approximately 4,000 students per week.

The media center's cutting-edge technology gives students the opportunity to work with and learn from off campus groups and experiences. With the help of social studies teacher Stacie Phillips, Jeanna Walker teamed with Western Michigan University's Haworth College of Business to bring online collaborative tools to Portage Northern American history classes. Also, access to live video conference capability gave students the ability to watch an autopsy through the Columbus Center for Science and Industry.

In honor of this national recognition, the media center will be featured on the American Association of School Libraries Vision Tour, an initiative by the association's President, Dr. Nancy Everhart, to visit school media centers across the United States in order to provide the public with examples of what exceptional school media centers offer students and communities.

On behalf of all residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to the Portage Northern High School Library Media Center, Media Specialist Jeanna Walker, and the entire Portage Community on this worthy achievement. Go Huskies!

## HONORING DONNA C. NASH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Donna C. Nash. Donna has served as Platte County Collector since 1982 and will be retiring from office on February 28, 2011.

Since first being appointed to office by Governor Kit Bond in 1982, Donna has been elected as Platte County Collector seven times. During her time in this role, she has sought to provide Platte County the technology and leadership needed to become a top-tier county in Missouri. Her office was the first in Missouri to allow taxpayers to pay their taxes via credit card or online and print their receipt online. She has also provided leadership as the first

female President of the Missouri County Collectors Association as well as being involved with the Missouri Association of Counties, the National Association of Collectors, the Treasurers and Finance Officers, and the National Association of Counties. She has generously donated her time to such causes as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Red Cross, among many other organizations she has supported through the years. I personally would like to thank Donna for her support and insight during my time in office and for being the first Platte County official to endorse me when I first ran for Congress in 2000.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, her husband Karlton, their two children, and three grandchildren, in commending Donna C. Nash for her accomplishments and for her efforts put forth in serving Platte County, Missouri.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
ROBERT RICE AND GARY RICE  
OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Robert Rice and his son Gary of Lakewood, Ohio, for their longtime service on behalf of our community and our nation.

Robert Rice, a devoted family man, World War II veteran, dedicated teacher, composer, musician and civic activist has touched the lives of many throughout our community as a music teacher in the Lakewood Public Schools until his retirement in 1983. His wife, the late Betty Rice, was also musically gifted. Together they raised their son Gary with an abiding appreciation for the arts, music, and public service.

Gary Rice followed in his father's path and became a teacher and a musician. Despite being born with hearing and speech impediments, Gary became a talented vocalist and musician, performing numerous times on stage throughout Greater Cleveland. Both Robert and Gary made a profound impact upon the lives of countless students, colleagues and parents. To this day, Robert and Gary continue to share their passion for music by tutoring students, composing, and performing for various schools, senior organizations and veterans groups throughout the Greater Cleveland area. Robert and Gary recently completed an original composition, a march in honor of United States' veterans entitled "The American Veterans' Last Salute March." It has already been performed on several occasions.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Robert Rice and his son Gary for their service to our community and our country. Their strong father-son bond is reflected through their shared love of music and shared spirit of volunteerism. Their work and passion brings music, inspiration and joy into the lives of countless individuals—young and old—throughout our community.

## RECOGNIZING RODNEY MORRIS

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Rodney Morris. Mr. Morris is a Corrections Officer with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department and an active member of the Long Branch, New Jersey community. On October 1, 2010, Mr. Morris retired after dedicating 26 years of service to the Sheriff's Department. I applaud Mr. Morris, as his achievements should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Today we recognize Mr. Morris for contributing 26 years of service to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department. The 609 officers and employees of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department are dedicated to serving the needs of the community. Located in Freehold, New Jersey, the Sheriff's Office is comprised of three divisions: Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Communications. Mr. Morris has demonstrated unwavering commitment to protecting and serving the constituents of Monmouth County and remains a tremendously valued member of my district and the County.

Mr. Morris is also a valued and dedicated member of the Long Branch, New Jersey community. Mr. Morris is actively involved in community sports activities and serves as a coach for the tee-ball and basketball teams for Long Branch Recreation Department. Mr. Morris has also served as Head Coach for the Pop Warner Football team. Mr. Morris has served as Chairperson of the Deacon's Ministry at the Second Baptist Church in Long Branch for ten years and continues to serve in this capacity today. He has been happily married to his wife Susie for seventeen years. Together, they have one son, Tyree Rodney Morris, who is 10 years old. Mr. Morris is a positive role model for his family and other members of the community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledging Mr. Morris' 26 years of service with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department. His dedication and commitment are positive examples of what steadfast determination and allegiance can accomplish.

#### HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF UPPER LOUDOUN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE TO THE TREE OF LIFE FOOD BANK

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF-**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work of the Upper Loudoun Youth Football League (ULYFL) in collecting nonperishable food donations for the Tree of Life Food Pantry in Purcellville, Virginia.

This fall the Upper Loudoun Youth Football League partnered with Tree of Life Food Pantry to collect food for the individuals and families in the community and stock the food pantry's shelves for the upcoming winter season.

The league divided into 25 teams and worked to collect nonperishable food donations. Team Chargers led the pack and collected 3,532 pounds of food and 54 boxes of cereal, and Team Bucs followed close behind with 3,459 pounds of food and 142 boxes of cereal. The other teams included: The Titans/D Cowboys; Bulldogs/Huskies/Vikings; Team Mustangs; Team Oarsman; Team Packers; Team Bengals; Team Giants; The Gators/D Giants; The Tigers/D Ravens; Team Warriors; Team Trojan; The Raiders/D Redskins; The Eagles/Flag Bengals; Team Vikings; The Wildcats/Flag Panthers; Team Knights; Team Colts; Team Huskies; Team Aztecs; Team Seahawks; The Cougars/Flag Pacers; Team Cheerleaders; and The Bandits/D Eagles. All together the league collected 23,550 pounds of food and 614 boxes of cereal.

I commend all who volunteered for their tireless commitment and service to those in their community who are unable to make ends meet and put food on the table. I also commend the partnership that has grown between the Upper Loudoun Youth Football League and the Tree of Life Food Pantry in Purcellville to make available leftover food to stock the shelves of the food pantry.

In closing, I would like to thank the coaches, the league, the parents, and the players for their dedicated efforts and support for the community.

#### RECOGNIZING 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDUCATION FOR ALL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), a landmark law that asserted the right of all students with disabilities to receive education services appropriate to their needs.

Before IDEA, many individuals with disabilities were relegated to state institutions or misdiagnosed and inappropriately educated. In the 1950s and 1960s, the Federal government began working with advocates to develop best practices for educating children with disabilities and train teachers and specialists to implement them.

In 1975, Congress passed the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, which would later become IDEA. Through early interventions, specialized supports, and placement in the least restrictive environment, the law revolutionized education for children with disabilities. Today, more than 6 million students receive IDEA services.

IDEA also included a promise to states and school districts—by 1982, for every child receiving special education services, the federal government would pay forty percent of the National Average per Pupil Expenditure. Yet Congress has never appropriated even half that amount in regular appropriations. I have introduced bipartisan legislation, the EDUCATE Act, which would put Congress on a fiscally-responsible path to fully fund IDEA within eight years. I urge my colleagues to join me to honor our promise to America's students.

Mr. Speaker, IDEA has made a tremendous difference in the lives of millions of students and their families. We must recommit ourselves to provide the resources necessary to ensure that all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

## HONORING RUBY BRIDGES

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I join the House of Representatives in recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of Ruby Bridges.

In 1960, Ruby Bridges became the first African-American child to attend William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana. As she took her first steps to school, Ruby created a path in education for many to follow.

Ruby's resilience in the face of discrimination was an important moment and contribution to the Civil Rights Movement.

In my congressional district, we are honored to have Ruby's historic journey on display at the Indianapolis Children's Museum for all Americans to witness and experience her honorable journey.

With Ruby's help, the Indianapolis Children's Museum has built a unique exhibit called the "Power of Children," which documents her courageous strides for equality in education.

Her bravery at such a young age paved the way for all African-American children to attend newly integrated schools, and has made her a symbol of tolerance and respect for all Americans.

As we continue to work on reforming our education laws, let us remember the great gift that Ruby Bridges gave to all American children—the gift of equal education for all.

#### HONORING DR. AARON R. GRAHAM ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Dr. Aaron R. Graham, who is the Bergen Executive County Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Graham should be congratulated on his retirement for a job well done and celebrated for over 40 years of public service as an educator.

Dr. Graham received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from North Carolina Central University and received his Masters of Science in Education from the University of Akron. He earned his Doctorate of Education in Administration and Supervision from Fordham University. He has also completed postgraduate studies at Montclair State University and the State University of New York.

Dr. Graham began his educational career as a Science Teacher in the National Teachers Corps and Public Schools in Akron, Ohio. He has taught students on every level from pre-school through graduate school. In New Jersey, his career experience includes: Science

Teacher in Palisades Park Junior-Senior High School; Educational Specialist and Educational Planner for the New Jersey State Department of Education; District Project Director and Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction at New Jersey City University. He has lectured at several colleges and has presented at the University Council for Educational Administration Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Bergen County is the largest county in New Jersey with over 895,000 residents and more than 135,000 students. As Bergen Executive County Superintendent, Dr. Graham supervises the county's 78 school districts and nearly 300 schools. In this capacity he has provided educational leadership to school leaders and staff members on strategic issues, student achievement, program improvement, fiscal review, curriculum and professional development. He has provided leadership in building positive relationships between and among school boards, administrators, staff, students, parents, and communities.

In 2002, Dr. Graham received a Congressional Citation for Excellence in Educational Reform and Leadership. In 2003, he received the first Bergen County Leadership Award from the Bergen County Association of School Administrators. In 2005, the New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers awarded Dr. Graham lifetime membership, and in 2006, he received a 50th Anniversary Honoree Award from Bergen Catholic High School. Dr. Graham serves on the National Faculty of the National Principals Leadership Institute and served as the President of New Jersey Council of Education from 2008 to 2009.

Madam Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join with me in honoring Dr. Aaron Graham for his fourteen years of service to Bergen County, New Jersey and on his retirement as one of America's finest educators.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. REED L. BUFFINGTON

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Reed L. Buffington. Chabot College in Hayward, California, will dedicate the Reed L. Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center Building on November 3, 2010. It is a fitting tribute to Dr. Buffington's contributions.

Dr. Buffington held the position of President/ Superintendent of Chabot College from its founding in September of 1961 until his retirement in 1981. When asked by a newspaper reporter to name his chief objective for the new college, Dr. Buffington replied, "Quality! . . . quality in everything we do."

The Hayward community continues to benefit from his legacy and from his eponymous awards for alumni, students, and faculty. Upon his retirement, Dr. Buffington created an endowment for the prestigious Buffington Award, annually awarded for excellence in a teaching career. Dr. Buffington began his own career in education as a political science instructor. He earned A.B. and M.A. degrees in political science from the University of Chicago and a Doctorate in Education from Stanford University.

During his tenure at Chabot College, Dr. Buffington made innumerable contributions to higher education in California and to local civic organizations. A passage from the book Chabot College: The First Twenty Years aptly reflects Dr. Buffington's enduring legacy of excellence and service to Chabot College, and the community: "From the very beginning, this has been Reed Buffington's college, dedicated in its every thought, deed, and act to the fulfillment of the educational and cultural needs, hopes, and desires of the people of South County."

I join the community in welcoming the Reed L. Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center. I also join Dr. Buffington's colleagues in expressing appreciation for his extraordinary leadership.

#### HONORING CHRISTOPHER ADAM MERSHON

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Adam Mershon. Chris is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Chris has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Chris has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Chris has earned the rank of Patrol Leader in his troop and is a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Chris has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher Adam Mershon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM BLAKE

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Blake, a World War II veteran and resident of Edison, New Jersey. Mr. Blake will be honored with the Medal of Chevalier in the French Legion of Honor by the Consul General of France, Mr. Philippe Lalliot for his brave actions during combat. Mr. Blake's courageous actions in combat are deserving of this body's recognition.

Mr. Blake served as a corporal with the United States Army from April 14, 1944 to June 11, 1945. During this time, Mr. Blake displayed valor and bravery. He began as a tank driver with the 2nd Armored Division. As tensions in the region began to grow, in June 1944, Mr. Blake's division was deeply entrenched in the Battle of Normandy, specifi-

cally fighting in the Cotentin Peninsula. His heroic actions resulted in the liberation of Carentan. By July 1944, Mr. Blake and his brothers in arms were heavily engaged in Operation Cobra. Subsequent combat missions included the Battle of the Bulge, before his unit was finally stationed in Schonebeck, Germany until July 1945. Mr. Blake's valiant efforts to defend our nation during World War II are noble and highly commendable.

As a result of his courageous efforts, Mr. Blake was awarded the Silver Star Medal. This honor is the third-highest military decoration for valor awarded to a member of any branch of the Armed Forces. Mr. Blake is also the recipient of a Purple Heart. Today he is being honored with the Medal of Chevalier in the French Legion of Honor. His nomination to the position of Chevalier in the Legion d'Honneur was approved by French President Nicolas Sarkozy. The Chevalier of the Legion of Honor is the highest military distinction awarded by France.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in congratulating Mr. William Blake as he receives this prestigious award. His dedication to this country serves as a shining example of what bravery and determination can accomplish.

#### HONORING SIKH AMERICAN AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sikh American community on the occasion of Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month which is celebrated in November.

For over a century, California's Central Valley has boasted a flourishing concentration of Sikh Americans, sharing a rich history, mutual understanding, and shared principles. In 1912, the first Sikh Gurdwara in the United States was established in Stockton, California as Sikh Americans settled in the region, coming to labor in agricultural and railroad pursuits. Over the years, Sikh Americans have found many successes as over 700,000 have made their homes across our nation.

From serving as Members of Congress, such as Dalip Singh Saund did for three terms, to Mayors of California cities such as San Joaquin, Sikh Americans have quickly become an active force in American public policy. When leading industry positions in agriculture, small business, and medicine, Sikh Americans bring a distinctive pride to many endeavors, and an unparalleled work ethic.

On the first Sunday of each November Sikh Americans throughout our nation celebrate the coronation day of Sikh Scripture as Guru Gaddi Divas with parades and festivals. As we strive to appreciate the vibrant diversity and contributions of all religions and cultures in our nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Sikh American community as they celebrate Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month this November.

## OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,795,134,710,938.40.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,156,708,964,644.60 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

## RECOGNIZING JUDGE WILLIAM J. CAPRATHE

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, the Honorable William J. Caprathe, Judge with the 18th Circuit Court of Michigan, is retiring after serving on the bench since 1981. A celebration will be held in Bay City Michigan on November 19th in his honor.

Judge Caprathe became a member of the State Bar of Michigan in 1966. He worked as a trial attorney before beginning his career as a circuit court judge serving as Chief Judge from 1984 to 1997. He has served as chair of the Executive Board of the National Conference of State Trial Judges, co-chair of the Judicial Division's Judicial Clerkship Program, president of the Michigan Judges Association, and chair of the Michigan Judicial Conference. He has also served as chair of the Michigan State Bar Standing Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, and is a past member of the Equal Access Initiative and the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. As a regular faculty member of the Michigan Judicial Institute he oversaw the production of several bench books. He also served on the American Bar Association's American Jury Project.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to be able to recognize the achievements of Judge William J. Caprathe and ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him on his retirement. I wish him the best as he enters this phase of his life.

## CONGRATULATING ELDON HIGH SCHOOL'S FFA PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAM

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Eldon High School's FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team. On October 23, 2010 at the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis,

IN, the Eldon High School FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team won its first national championship. The members of the championship winning team each received a scholarship to further their education at a post-secondary institution of their choice.

The Eldon High FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team consists of seniors Payton Atteberry, who also holds the distinction of winning the Outstanding Chairman Award, Jill Blankenship, Cole Griffith, Kelsi Mueller, Arika Myers, and Abbey Thomas. The Eldon team competed against 44 teams from across the nation. This competition tests students' ability to effectively communicate ideas during a meeting. Components included a general knowledge exam of parliamentary law, a ten-minute demonstration of parliamentary procedure, oral questions, and written minutes of the demonstration.

These six gifted young men and women were prepared and focused, due to their dedicated advisor, Eldon High School Agriculture teacher Matt Biddle, who trained and supported the team. Each student received \$1,000 and a plaque in recognition of this event.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Eldon High School's FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team for a job well done. These students and all the other students who participated in the annual convention should be commended for their commitment to the future of agriculture.

## HONORING CHRISTIAN A. SPINLER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christian A. Spinler. Christian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 205, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christian has earned the rank of Senior Patrol Leader in his troop and the World Conservation Award. Christian also has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Christian designed and constructed a wooden fence around the trash dumpsters at his troops sponsoring church, Good Shepherd Christian Church in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christian A. Spinler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 15, 2010, and Tuesday, November 16, 2010, I was not present for 6 recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: roll No. 566—"yea"; roll No. 567—"yea"; roll No. 568—"yea"; roll No. 569—"yea"; roll No. 570—"yea"; roll No. 571—"yea".

## RECOGNITION OF REVEREND LINWOOD D. ROUSE

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the ministry of Reverend Linwood D. Rouse, Pastor of Macedonia Original Freewill (OFW) Baptist Church in Piscataway, New Jersey. For 26 years, Reverend Rouse has served as a pillar of his church and community. His rock-solid faith and commitment toward helping others deserves recognition.

Reverend Rouse, the second of eight children born to David and Lorraine Rouse, moved to New Jersey from his birthplace of Washington, D.C. in 1963. He is a graduate of the Dr. Howard Anderson Interdenominational School of Divinity Southern Baptist Seminary Extension and Philadelphia Biblical University, from which he holds a degree of Associate of Biblical Studies. Starting out as an organist and choir director, he soon was made a church trustee. He eventually found himself called to minister. After his first sermon in June of 1978, he was licensed to preach at Macedonia OFW, was ordained on October 19th, 1979, and in 1984, became pastor.

For over two decades, Reverend Rouse has served his community with a diligence, steadfastness, compassion, and faith that is inspirational. He has worked tirelessly as an advocate for his church, securing building space for the schooling of his congregation's youngest members. Under his care, numerous community programs have grown, such as the Horns of Joshua, a youth outreach program that targets children and families going through times of crisis. And he was the creator of Caring Hand of New Jersey Inc., which serves as a Bible School and includes a Child Care Program. He is a board member of the Piscataway Township Board of Ethics, vice president of the Middlesex County Board of Ethics, president of District Union No. 1 of Central Jersey, and a board member of Piscataway Township's Turn-on Youth Coalition. His other positions in the community include Chaplin of the Holmes Marshall Vol. Fire Co., chaplain and then delegate of the National Police Defense Foundation, member of United Chaplin International, treasurer of the Middlesex Central Baptist Association of New Jersey, Inc., and member of the Singing Pastors of Piscataway.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing Reverend Rouse's work. His supporters and

friends will be honoring his 26th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, October 10, 2010. Let us join them in acknowledging and honoring the values his life of service shows.

#### HONORING DAVID SABSAY

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David Sabsay, father of the Sonoma County Library, who passed away on March 20, 2010, at his home in Sebastopol, California. His passion and leadership strengthened our public libraries not only in Sonoma County, but across California, transforming education and fostering civic engagement for youth and adults.

Born in Waltham, Massachusetts in 1931, David Sabsay came to Santa Rosa in 1956 after receiving his graduate degree in library science at the University of California at Berkeley. At 25, Mr. Sabsay was the youngest head librarian in the state, and he was already envisioning the vibrant, integrated public library system he knew Californians needed.

Mr. Sabsay wasted no time in pursuing this vision, and his skill as a library advocate quickly earned him a place of respect in the community and a record of hard-earned victories. On multiple occasions he served as chair of the Government Relations Committee of the California Library Association, and by 1971 he had become the organization's president. He founded and became the first coordinator of the North Bay Cooperative Library System, a six-county resource-sharing network and the first cooperative library system in the western United States.

In a career dedicated to improving library services in Sonoma County, Mr. Sabsay also brought his expertise to debates on library support in Sacramento. In 1978, in order to secure a sufficient stream of funding for California libraries, he helped author legislation establishing state financing for local libraries and encouraging county contributions. This legislation continues to serve all Californians as a safeguard against the loss of an essential public asset and as a reminder of our stake in its future.

Mr. Sabsay was perhaps best known for his instrumental backing of a unified library system in Sonoma County. In 1975, his work led to the signing of the joint-powers agreement—the first such agreement for a library system in California—that established the institution we rely on today. During his tenure as director of Sonoma County Library, Mr. Sabsay even oversaw the construction of the central library and nine regional branches as his county network expanded to serve one of the strongest per capita memberships in the state. Mr. Sabsay retired in 1992 but remained an active consultant on library development, funding, and operations.

David Sabsay was predeceased by his wife Helen. He is survived by his brother.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the life of a man who dedicated himself to serving the people of Sonoma County and California. We have all benefitted from his work on behalf of knowledge and public education, and from his example as a

tireless advocate for one of the civic institutions most important in our democracy.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on November 17, 2010, I missed rollcall vote 572. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" or "aye."

#### IN HONOR OF ROBERT "BOB" FELLER

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Robert "Bob" Feller on his 92nd birthday on November 3 and for his longtime service in our community and our Nation.

Bob was one of the greatest pitchers in Cleveland Indians history. He made his major league debut in 1936 at the age of 17, where his legendary fastball quickly earned him a reputation around the league. He was given nicknames such as "Rapid Robert" and "Bullet Bob." His career was prodigious; it spanned over sixteen seasons, during which he racked up 2581 strikeouts, 3828 innings pitched and 266 wins. These and other monumental totals make up many team and league records that remain intact today. It is no wonder that Bob was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1962, his first year of eligibility.

Bob's military service is evidence of his character and love of his country. He served our Nation in the Navy during World War II, becoming the first major league baseball player to enlist as a result of the attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941. Though he was in the prime of his career and could have deferred his draft notice, he chose to miss four seasons, serving aboard the U.S.S. *Alabama* as it patrolled both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. He retired from the Navy at the end of the war as a Chief Petty Officer and returned to his exceptional career with the Indians.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Bob Feller for his excellence in major league baseball and his service to our country. The strength of character he displayed both on and off the field makes him a truly exceptional man and a role model for generations of baseball fans and patriots.

#### A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND CREW OF THE USS "GRAVELY"

#### HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Douglas

Kunzman, as well as the officers and crew of the USS *Gravelly*, which will be commissioned by the United States Navy in Wilmington, North Carolina, on November 20, 2010. This strong, state-of-the-art destroyer joins an impressive group of ships on deployment protecting our nation and defending our freedoms and national security interests.

As a senior member of the U.S. House Committee on Armed Services and a longtime supporter of our great nation's military and those who have served our country, it is my honor to recognize the USS *Gravelly* as the 57th unit of the ARLEIGH BURKE Class of guided missile destroyers.

Named for Vice Admiral Samuel Lee Gravelly, Jr., the first African-American commanding officer of a naval ship, this guided missile destroyer was constructed at Northrup Grumman Corporation's Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, MS. Her keel was laid on November 26, 2007, launched on March 30, 2009, and christened on May 16, 2009. Impressively, the USS *Gravelly* has an overall length of 510 ft, beam of 66 ft, full load displacement of 9,200 tons and a mean full load draft of 33 ft.

The people of Southeastern North Carolina are honored to welcome and host Commander Kunzman and his crew for the commissioning festivities for this new vessel and hope they will consider the coastline of this state as a special home for them. I am especially appreciative of the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ray Mabus, for granting the request for this commissioning to occur in North Carolina and for his recent visit to Wilmington in anticipation of this important event, as well as for the celebration of Navy Day.

The State of North Carolina and this nation are deeply proud of the personal talent and ability represented by the officers and crew of this new destroyer. It is their spirit, service, and sacrifice for which we all are extremely grateful.

Madam Speaker, may we also never forget the bravery and dedication of those who have served before, those who currently serve, and those who will serve our country—and may we continue to receive inspiration from their courageous words and deeds. May God's blessings be with the USS *Gravelly*, her officers, and her crew as she begins her time in service to this wonderful nation—the United States of America.

#### HONORING CHARLES E. KRUSE

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles E. Kruse. Charlie has served as President of the Missouri Farm Bureau since 1992 and will be retiring from office on December 7, 2010.

Since first being elected to President in 1992, Charlie has served for nine terms and has overseen the tremendous growth of the Missouri Farm Bureau. Under Charlie's leadership, membership has reached 100,000, a successful web portal has been developed, and historic new highs have been reached in both the Life insurance and Town and Country insurance sections. All the while, Charlie has maintained an outspoken passion for Missouri

farmers, defending their values and promoting their efforts in both Jefferson City and Washington. Even though retiring from the Farm Bureau, I am sure Charlie will continue to fight for Missouri farmers for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, his wife Pam, and all their children and grandchildren, in commending Charles E. Kruse for his accomplishments and for his efforts put forth in serving Missouri farmers.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY PLANE CRASH TRAGEDY

### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, on November 14, 1970, a plane carrying 75 Marshall University football players, their coaches, faithful supporters and friends crashed while attempting to land in Huntington, WV. On that cold, rain-filled and foggy night so many promising futures came to a sudden and tragic end.

On the night of this tragedy—known as the worst air disaster in American sports history, an entire community, our State and frankly our Nation were one in grief, but also one in believing that—from adversity—hope, growth and success can conquer all in the end.

In the forty years since these souls were taken from those they loved and who loved them, the Marshall community—friends and strangers, colleagues and competitors, icons and unknowns—have bonded together in hearts and minds.

On every anniversary of this tragedy we reflect on the tremendous loss, yet it is also a moment that renews promises and purpose and stirs hope in the human spirit.

In the words of Marshall University Alumni Association President William “Mickey” Jackson, a former Marshall Football player and assistant coach for the team in 1970, who was on a scouting trip and not with the team the night of the crash, “It is very inspirational to remember, but very, very sad at the same time. When they place the wreath at the fountain and the water stops, my heart just stops beating.”

The themes of hope and rebirth are carried forward every year at Marshall University, beginning with turning on one simple, yet so symbolic fountain.

What has been learned from this tragic experience extends beyond those early hours of shock and disbelief. Two generations have been raised by the incredible power of the Marshall spirit—a strength, vitality, camaraderie and resolve that is reflected time and again. And as the story spreads, others receive solace and inspiration.

And today, we are stronger because of it—for, we are Marshall.

#### RECOGNITION OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Michael's Church in Long Branch, New Jersey as the parishioners celebrate the 125th Anniversary. St. Michael's Church has a rich and formidable history of serving the needs of the community. Historically noteworthy, St. Michael's main altar was given in memory of Mr. Francis Anthony Drexel, banker and great philanthropist of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Drexel and his family summered at West End. His daughter, Mother Katherine Drexel, was the founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She was later canonized as a saint of the church on October 1, 2000. Mother Katherine Drexel decided to enter the Religious Life while residing in parish territory. The mosaic in her honor can be found in the vestibule of the Church.

Originally formed as a “mission church” in 1886, St. Michael's was an extension of the Star of the Sea Church in Long Branch, New Jersey. However, members of the church community soon saw the need to expand and serve a growing population. By 1892, St. Michael's relinquished its status as a mission church and became an independent entity. Reverend Richard Crean served as the church's first pastor. Since then, St. Michael's Church has been served by many accomplished priests. Today, Reverend Charles B. Weiser leads the members of the St. Michael's Church and gathers a vibrant community where members passionately practice the Catholic faith.

St. Michael Church's original parishioners were predominantly the Irish Catholic. Today, the parish reflects a diverse ethnic population located throughout Long Branch and Monmouth County. Often referred to as a “metropolitan church”, the congregation has continued to welcome new members and the St. Michael's Church family has grown exponentially in the past years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledging St. Michael's Church as the parishioners celebrate their 125th Anniversary. The St. Michael's community is tremendously valued in my district and the State of New Jersey.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DEANTE PIERRE WILSON, A YOUNG MAN OF SPIRITUAL COM-PASSION AND LOVE FOR THE COMMUNITY HE SERVED

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to memorialize a beloved young member of our Harlem community, DeAnté Pierre Wilson, whose mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Kelly Temple Church Of God In Christ in my congressional district.

His unexpected and untimely passing has left behind a deeply felt void within his church,

the Kelly Temple COGIC, where he served as youth minister. That deeply felt void is also extended to his family and friends at the Harlem Hospital Center, where he worked and was admired by all he came into contact. For a man who chose the path to deliver and mentor God's ministry at a very young age and open the hearts of all us with his amazing smile, the loss of DeAnté Pierre Wilson is especially profound to me and to the greater Harlem community in which he lived and served.

Mr. DeAnté Pierre Wilson was born in Gastonia, North Carolina on November 30, 1981. After completing his schooling in the Gastonia School District, DeAnté attended World Harvest Bible College, placing his spiritual path in God's unyielding hands. Even at a young age, DeAnté managed to touch the hearts of people as he was called to preach at the age of 16.

DeAnté Pierre Wilson relocated and established his roots in Harlem, New York, where he joined Kelly Temple Church Of God In Christ. DeAnté cultivated his spiritual activism and under the leadership of Bishop James H. Gaylord, he was appointed youth president, where he served faithfully until 2007. His primary goal was to encourage the youth of the church, and the community at large to aspire for greatness and perfection. DeAnté could often be found mentoring and counseling a young person, giving them the push needed to reach their set goals and potential.

In 2008, DeAnté was ordained elder in the Church Of God In Christ in Brazil, during the time of their Holy Convocation. He then returned to Kelly Temple COGIC, and was appointed youth minister for the Youth Department, where he, along with Ms. Angela Williams, instituted Youth Church. DeAnté was instrumental in bringing young people from various congregations to the church to minister to the youth.

I am told that DeAnté had a very extensive resume, but found his calling working with people and doing special events. On December 14, DeAnté joined the Harlem Hospital Center team, working as the Assistant Coordinating Manager in the Office of Special Events. Though his tenure was short, DeAnté managed to touch the lives of many and was especially noted for his pleasant and poise as he greeted each employee and customer with a smile while working events. DeAnté exhibited world class customer service and expressed a great love for the community he had become a part of. I truly believe that his enjoyment of working with the community led him to enroll in Fordham University and major in political science. He joined the NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch, where he helped the branch organize a very special Women's History Month event, “Love in the Time of HIV.” The tribute highlighted the strengths of ordinary women winning the fight and contributing to their communities, while surviving with HIV/AIDS.

Madam Speaker, DeAnté Pierre Wilson, a giant of a man departed this life on Sunday, November 7, 2010. As it is noted in his obituary, DeAnté will be remembered for his random acts of kindness, his infectious smile, his willingness to strive for greatness, and his drive to push others to their own success. Please join me in celebrating the short-lived life of this amazing spiritual man.



INTRODUCING THE AMERICAN  
TRAVELER DIGNITY ACT**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation to protect Americans from physical and emotional abuse by Federal Transportation Security Administration employees conducting screenings at the Nation's airports. We have seen the videos of terrified children being grabbed and probed by airport screeners. We have read the stories of Americans being subjected to humiliating body imaging machines and/or forced to have the most intimate parts of their bodies poked and fondled. We do not know the potentially harmful effects of the radiation emitted by the new millimeter wave machines.

In one recent well-publicized case, a TSA official is recorded during an attempted body search saying, "By buying your ticket you gave up a lot of rights." I strongly disagree and am sure I am not alone in believing that we Americans should never give up our rights in order to travel. As our Declaration of Independence states, our rights are inalienable. This TSA version of our rights looks more like the "rights" granted in the old Soviet Constitutions, where freedoms were granted to Soviet citizens—right up to the moment the state decided to remove those freedoms.

The incident of the so-called "underwear bomber" last Christmas is given as justification for the billions of dollars the federal government is spending on the new full-body imaging machines, but a Government Accountability Office study earlier this year concluded that had these scanners been in use they may not have detected the explosive material that was allegedly brought onto the airplane. Additionally, there have been recent press reports calling into question the accuracy and adequacy of these potentially dangerous machines.

My legislation is simple. It establishes that airport security screeners are not immune from any U.S. law regarding physical contact with another person, making images of another person, or causing physical harm through the use of radiation-emitting machinery on another person. It means they are subject to the same laws as the rest of us.

Imagine if the political elites in our country were forced to endure the same conditions at the airport as business travelers, families, senior citizens, and the rest of us. Perhaps this problem could be quickly resolved if every cabinet secretary, every Member of Congress, and every department head in the Obama administration were forced to submit to the same degrading screening process as the people who pay their salaries.

I warned at the time of the creation of the TSA that an unaccountable government entity in control of airport security would provide neither security nor defend our basic freedom to travel. Yet the vast majority of both Republicans and Democrats then in Congress willingly voted to create another unaccountable, bullying agency—in a simple-minded and unprincipled attempt to appease public passion in the wake of 9–11. Sadly, as we see with the steady TSA encroachment on our freedom and dignity, my fears in 2001 were justified.

The solution to the need for security at U.S. airports is not a government bureaucracy. The

solution is to allow the private sector, preferably the airlines themselves, to provide for the security of their property. As a recent article in *Forbes* magazine eloquently stated, "The airlines have enormous sums of money riding on passenger safety, and the notion that a government bureaucracy has better incentives to provide safe travels than airlines with billions of dollars worth of capital and goodwill on the line strains credibility." In the meantime, I hope we can pass this legislation and protect Americans from harm and humiliation when they choose to travel.

TOM KONGSGAARD POST OFFICE  
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6237, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the "Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building".

Tom Kongsgaard was a Napa County Superior Court Judge from 1958 to 1984. As a judge, he missed only one day of work throughout his entire career. He served two terms on the California Judicial Council, was a member and chairman of the Judicial Performance Commission, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the California Judges' Association.

Tom attended Georgetown University before enlisting in the Navy during World War II. He was a Naval officer in the Pacific Theater, and was stationed at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo by the end of the conflict. He returned to school and studied at U.C. Berkeley, then received a law degree from Stanford. Tom had a passion for public service and justice.

He is survived by his two daughters, Mary Williams and Martha Goldman; his son, John; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A retired Napa district judge said of Tom, "He was a prince of a man and a towering leader in this community, both on the bench and off. He was a role model for all."

I am honored to bring this bill to the floor and hope that Tom Kongsgaard's legacy will live on, encouraging others to serve their community to the best of their ability.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on November 15, 2010. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted "yea" on each of the following:

Roll 566, November 15, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: S. 3689, To clarify, improve, and correct the laws relating to copyrights.

Roll 567, November 15, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1713, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Ruby Bridges desegregating a previously all-White public elementary school.

Roll 568, November 15, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Con. Res. 328, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were initially enacted in 1980 by Public Law 96–517 (commonly referred to as the Bayh-Dole Act) on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its enactment.

HONORING MARVIN SCOTT FOR  
HIS FIFTY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE  
IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marvin Scott and his fifty years of excellence in broadcast journalism.

Marvin began his foray into journalism as a 14-year-old in the Bronx, chasing celebrities and fire trucks and selling his pictures to local newspapers. Today, he is a seven time Emmy award winner in the category of outstanding journalistic achievement. He has covered 16 presidential nominating conventions, 8 mayoral elections, and 8 gubernatorial elections. Among those he has interviewed include former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, and George Bush Sr., as well as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Israeli President Shimon Peres, Henry Kissinger, Rev. Billy Graham, Astronaut Gordon Cooper, Larry King, Sophia Loren, Tony Bennett, Charlton Heston, and Jerry Lewis.

Among his assignments, Marvin was in Wiesbaden, Germany after hostages were released from a hijacked TWA jet, and covered the McDonald's massacre in San Ysidro, California in which a gunman killed 21 people. Over his remarkable half a century of dedication to journalism, Marvin has not simply covered history, but has been a part of the important stories and events of our time. He was the first American reporter since the demise of the Soviet Union to go to sea aboard a Russian warship. His investigation into cheating on New York citywide tests led to legislation making it a crime.

According to Marvin, the most difficult story that he has had to cover was the terrorist attacks of September 11th. In his own words: "I wasn't reporting something that was happening in some far-off place, but it was here and I was a part of the story, feeling the same anger and pain as our viewers." On the anniversary of 9/11 he gained an exclusive by flying over Ground Zero in the back seat of an F–15.

I want to thank Marvin Scott for not only being a truly outstanding broadcast reporter and newsmen, but for being a great storyteller and true personification of New York. Most importantly, I am proud to call Marvin and his wife Lorri my friends.

HONORING BRYAN EDWARD  
O'TOOLE

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bryan Edward O'Toole. Bryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 900, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Bryan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bryan Edward O'Toole for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF SLIDE RANCH

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of a unique institution that operates within the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area to provide an educational blend of sustainable agriculture and outdoor education.

A former dairy farm perched on a south slope above the roiling Pacific Ocean, Slide Ranch has welcomed over 175,000 people from the inner city, suburbia and beyond to participate in its summer camps and year-round educational programs. Through the efforts of Marin Attorney Doug Ferguson and Huey Johnson of the Nature Conservancy, the land was purchased and protected from commercial development, and founders Ed and Susie Washington-Smith created a 134-acre hands-on place to learn how to farm and care for Mother Earth. Along the way, the extended family of the famed Grateful Dead, played a big role in building and sustaining Slide Ranch with donations, manual labor and benefit concerts by members of the Dead.

Today, Slide Ranch offers a menu of family outings, summer day camps and group programs. The group programs, offered in spring, summer and fall, are geared toward experiential learning, which is especially suited to help young people appreciate the environment, make good choices about healthy foods and good agricultural practices. Students may learn how to turn compost piles, feed farm animals, milk cows and make cheese. Kids from the inner city may spend the first night of their lives camping under the stars and breakfasting on their own hand-picked berries.

The wild lands of Slide Ranch provide miles of hiking trails and a rich coastal habitat adja-

cent to the waters of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. Here are spectacular tide pools populated by still starfish, waving anemones and scuttling crabs, while offshore, migrating whales display their spouts.

The pride of Slide Ranch is its bountiful one-acre garden, now under cultivation for over 36 years without the use of pesticides or chemical fertilizers. Using biodynamic and organic methods of improving the soil and controlling pests, the garden grows over 100 species of plants and vegetables each year. The garden includes several educational features such as a medicinal herb area, an urban-style container garden, a worm box and composting bins.

Slide Ranch has weathered forty years of changes in education, new environmental challenges and the ups and downs of the economy. It has survived because it not only has kept pace with the need for a greater understanding of our environment and sustainable food production, but because of the passion and unending curiosity of its staff, governing board and donors—all who deserve our thanks and congratulations today. Madam Speaker, in Slide Ranch's greenhouse, seeds from the garden are potted to produce the next harvest. In its classrooms above the surf or under the starry sky, in the thriving garden or in the barn, the seeds of knowledge are planted for an unending bounty of bright minds.

RECOGNIZING DR. M. RICHARD  
SHAINK

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on Friday October 22, the Association of Community College Trustees awarded the 2010 Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Award to Dr. M. Richard Shaink, the president and Chief Executive Officer of Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan. At their Annual Community College Leadership Congress the Association named him the best community college president/CEO in North America. The citizens of Flint will hold a reception in his honor tomorrow to celebrate this achievement.

Dr. Shaink has served as President of Mott Community College since March 31, 2000. When he assumed the leadership position at the school, Dr. Shaink was faced with stabilizing the school and improving its financial position. He led the fight to bring increased revenue to the school, fought for federal, state and private foundation grants and at the same time instituted cost saving measures across the campus. A proponent of economic development, he identified the needs of employers in the community and spearheaded the construction of the college's Regional Technology Center to prepare students to enter the workforce. Prior to winning this award, Dr. Shaink was named the 2010 Central Regional Chief Executive Officer for the Midwest and Canadian Provinces.

Madam Speaker, the Association of Community College Trustee Awards are given to those educators that have made extraordinary contributions to their colleges and higher education. The selection of Dr. Shaink as the best

community college president in North America is a testament to his leadership, innovation, enthusiasm and commitment to making Mott Community College a powerhouse of learning. Flint is fortunate to have Dr. Shaink and his wife, Sally, live in the area and provide an example of excellence to the next generation. I congratulate him for receiving this award and ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding his work in the field of education.

RECOGNITION OF NAVAL WEAPONS  
STATION EARLE

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Naval Weapons Station Earle (NWS Earle) based in Colts Neck, New Jersey as they celebrate the 235th Anniversary of the United States Navy. NWS Earle covers 10,160 acres and promotes a long-standing history of aiding the country in combat. I applaud the work, achievements, and dedication NWS Earle has provided the U.S. Navy, local community, and State of New Jersey.

Long before the beginning of the Second World War, officers in both the Army and Navy saw the need to establish a base for loading explosive ammunition. NWS Earle is strategically located in the Port of New York, a focal point for all important rail lines throughout the country. Thus, construction for the Naval Ammunition Depot Earle—named in honor of Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance during the First World War, began on August 2, 1943. Naval Ammunition Depot Earle was later commissioned on December 13, 1943. The south side of Sandy Hook Bay in the Leonardo section of Middletown was strategically chosen for the new Naval Ammunition Depot Earle, quickly becoming the focal point for ordnance shipping, loading the majority of ammunition used by the allies for the invasion of Normandy. In 1974, Earle's name was officially changed to Naval Weapons Station Earle.

NWS Earle has tirelessly provided the U.S. Navy with a safe location to house their materials and equipment. Today, the primary mission of the Naval Weapons Station Earle remains the receipt, storage, segregation and issuance of ordnance for all Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, which includes the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Department of Defense conventional ammunition requirements. Naval Weapons Station Earle currently houses a combined workforce of over 1,600 civilian, military and contractor personnel. They are home to over 20 tenant units where they also support over 250 military personnel and dependents in their housing. It is the hard work of the people employed at NWS Earle that make it possible for the station to run smoothly and efficiently. Most recently, Naval Weapons Station Earle has provided its assistance as the Department of Defense transshipment site for ordnance used in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NWS Earle and staff have tirelessly devoted their time to the community, epitomizing what it means to give back in time of need to protect our country. Madam Speaker, please join

me in leading this body in acknowledgement of the extraordinary contributions of NWS Earle. The station is a valued component of the State of New Jersey, and I am honored to recognize them today.

**HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE OF MARVIN MEYERS**

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today before my esteemed colleagues to recognize and honor the distinguished service of an exceptional man. The contributions of this man to the California agriculture industry and our water resources epitomize the spirit of industriousness and persistence found in the agricultural communities across our country. I would like to recognize Mr. Marvin A. Meyers on being named the recipient of the "2010 Agriculturist of the Year" award by the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce.

A leader in the development of private water banking, Meyers, himself, farms on the Westside of Fresno County in Mendota. Meyers, who cares for 3,500 acres of almonds in the Firebaugh area, admits his impatience over finding a solution to water shortages drove him to begin developing a water bank. After years of preliminary work, including pilot projects and working with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and other agencies, Meyers received federal approval in 2002 to begin operating the bank. Meyers pumps water into the underground bank during wet years and pumps water out during dry years to help make water available when farmers need it most. The bank became invaluable last year after three consecutive dry years and regulatory decisions limited the availability of federal water to our Valley. Meyers' hard work and innovation has translated into the success of his operation and the continuation of a family farm. The Agriculturist of the Year award is given each year to an individual who exemplifies leadership and integrity and whose achievements have significantly affected the community. The Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce has made a wise choice in their selection of Meyers.

Meyers' actions demonstrate his dedication to his community. He is a visionary, a person who epitomizes altruism and believes in giving back to his community. Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting with Marvin and touring his water bank and wildlife project near the outskirts of Mendota, California. The impressive project included five different holding pools all conveyed via gravity and an installation of solar panels that was being erected as we toured that day. Through his water bank and wildlife refuge projects, Meyers educates groups of local students from kindergarten to high school on the importance of water education and wildlife restoration. Going beyond the call, Meyers offers assistance in transportation costs for school buses to travel to and from his site, allowing many school districts and students affected by the recession the opportunity to learn outside the classroom about issues affecting our Valley.

Marvin Meyers is truly a remarkable man—always persistent, always engaged. Marvin is

the kind of advocate that the agriculture industry needs on its side. I have come to know this man well since my days in the California State Legislature, and know firsthand that this award, though meritorious, is only a small part of the recognition Marvin deserves for his many accomplishments. I offer my congratulations to Marvin Meyers today on receiving this distinguished honor and commend him before my colleagues for his contributions to the agriculture industry of California and to our Nation.

**HONORING BROCK REYNOLDS  
WENZEL**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brock Reynolds Wenzel. Brock is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 714, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brock has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brock has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brock has shown an incredible determination by earning his Eagle Scout while only 12 years old. Brock has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Brock tore out the old handicap-accessible ramp at the American Legion Hall in Edgerton, Missouri and constructed a new ramp with a lower slope.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brock Reynolds Wenzel for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**HONORING PASTOR JOY L. THORNTON  
ON HIS 11TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Joy L. Thornton has faithfully served as Pastor for the Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana since October 3, 1999;

Whereas, Joy L. Thornton dedicated his life to serving others after earning his degree from Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia;

Whereas, Pastor Thornton is celebrating his 11th anniversary of leading the congregation at the Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church as it strives to be an example of faith and respect;

Therefore, I join with the members of the Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church and the Indianapolis community in honoring Pastor Joy Thornton for these past 11 years of exemplary service as a teacher and a leader of his congregation.

IS MOROCCO WHAT IT CLAIMS TO  
BE?

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I submit for the RECORD an October 31 Reuters article that describes a recent protest that occurred in Morocco.

The story opens with the following description: "About 900 Moroccan rights activists took to the streets in Rabat on Sunday in a rare protest against what they call widespread rights abuses by the authorities, including illegal detention and torture."

The government of Morocco has long sought to cultivate its image, employing high-powered U.S. lobbyists, as a beacon of tolerance in the Muslim world. This human rights protest is further evidence that Morocco isn't all that it claims to be.

Earlier this year the Moroccan government deported, without due process, dozens of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, many of whom were engaged in vital humanitarian work—for allegedly proselytizing.

If the government of Morocco hopes to maintain its image, it is going to take more than some well-positioned lobbyists.

**MOROCCANS STAGE RARE HUMAN RIGHTS  
PROTEST**

RABAT (Reuters)—About 900 Moroccan rights activists took to the streets in Rabat on Sunday in a rare protest against what they called widespread rights abuses by the authorities, including illegal detention and torture.

Protesters chanted: "Shut down illegal detention centres now!" and "Where is the respect for rights and truth?"

Officials were not immediately available to comment on the protest but the government has repeatedly said that its commitment to improve and protect human rights is irreversible.

Morocco won international praise for an improvement in its human rights record since reformist monarch Mohamed VI took over in 1999 from his father Hassan during whose rule hundreds of people were tortured and killed at the hands of the government.

But local human rights groups at home and abroad argue that the country's rights record has deteriorated since 2003 when it mounted a crackdown against militants linked to al Qaeda.

"The reality of human rights conditions totally belies the government's claim of improvement. Illegal detention, torture and crackdowns on press freedom are pervasive now," said Abdeslam Abdelilah, Vice-President of the independent Moroccan Human Rights Association (AMDH).

Independent journalists and security officials at the scene estimated the number of demonstrators at around 900. Security forces have in the past broken up similar protests but they did not interfere in Sunday's demonstration.

**HONORING VIRGIL BRANTLEY**

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Virgil Brantley for his lifetime

commitment and service to the Xenia community and state of Ohio.

Mr. Brantley's contributions to his country and the community are invaluable. He was an active Board member and distinguished trustee emeritus of the Golden Age Senior Citizens, Inc. to which he worked countless hours to ensure the growth and success of the Xenia Adult Recreation and Services Center by assisting with construction of the tornado shelter for the Center, developing a home-delivered meals program and starting the tradition of providing desserts for the Center's monthly luncheons. Mr. Brantley was also a very well-respected Xenia Rotarian, friend and colleague. His civic, cultural, religious and educational endeavors over the many years never went unnoticed as the following list of awards indicate: the Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce Award, the Xenia Community Schools Hall of Honor, Greene County Citizen of the Year, the Nutter Award, induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, nomination for the American College of Health Care Administration and numerous others.

Along with his natural penchant for civic engagement, Mr. Brantley and his late wife, Helen, established Hospitality Homes in 1961. The skilled-nursing and rehabilitation facility has been a vital asset for seniors in the Xenia area and has carried on the many great traditions that Mr. and Mrs. Brantley built it upon.

Finally, as a husband, father of three, brother of four and grandfather to many, Mr. Brantley demonstrated the importance of balancing various obligations and activities with the needs of family. His belief that service to his family and community is imperative to a meaningful life has inspired many to follow his example.

Thus, with great pride, I recognize Mr. Virgil Brantley for his lifetime of remarkable achievements and his unparalleled contribution to our community.

#### FOODNME AND SMASH YOUR FOOD

### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today applauding the work of a pair of constituents, Marta and Frederic De Wulf, who decided to use their many talents and passion for education and healthy living to create a website—foodnme.com—dedicated to the pursuit of healthy living and interactive nutrition information. Their innovative work earned them a trip to the White House to be honored as a top winner in Michelle Obama's "Apps for Healthy Kids" contest.

Marta and Frederic teamed up because of their understanding of the problems associated with poor eating habits, a sedentary lifestyle and obesity. Instead of bemoaning the problem of obesity privately, Marta and Frederic used their knowledge and experience. Marta, a nutritionist by trade, and Frederic, an experienced and successful filmmaker, believed an interactive website encouraging children and their parents to properly scrutinize their eating habits could help in the fight against obesity. Therefore, FoodNMe was born.

The aspect of the website deemed extraordinary is the 'Smash Your Food' tab, which al-

lows users to gain an understanding of the nutritional content of everyday foods—hamburgers, pizza, French fries, and the like. This great tool is a creative way to educate parents and children about what's in their food and encourages them to make healthy dietary choices.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Marta and Frederic for creating a unique tool in the fight against obesity. I'm proud to congratulate them for their good work.

#### HONORING ANDREW DUNCAN IRELAND

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Duncan Ireland. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Andrew has earned the rank of Junior Assistant Scout Master in his troop and Tom Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Andrew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Andrew devoted over 160 hours to a shelter house at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, restoring it back to its original architecture and cedar composition.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Duncan Ireland for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### IN HONOR OF JERRY CASTELLANO

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a dear friend, Jerry A. Castellano. Jerry was a wonderful husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend to many, many people. He was born Feb. 2, 1918, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Frank Castellano and Teresa DiVito and moved to Warren, Ohio in 1944.

Jerry retired in 1986 from the Trumbull County Board of Elections as a voting machine official after 27 years. He previously worked at Mullins Manufacturing.

Jerry served our country with the finest distinction, a World War II U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

He expressed his faith in his worship at St. James Catholic Church.

He was in the Trumbull County Legends of Leather Boxing Commissions, Trumbull County Chapter of DAV Chapter 11, Amerital Club, where he was president, and was a precinct committeeman for Precinct 5A.

He was an avid New York Yankees fan and enjoyed woodworking, Italian classes, playing cards, spending time with his family and grandchildren, and also teaching and storytelling to his great-grandchildren.

He is survived by and greatly missed by his wife of 66 years, Esther Pagano Castellano; his children, Teresa (William "Bill") Massucci of Warren, Philomena (Gary) Lucariello of Warren, Frank P. Castellano of Warren and Jeri (David J.) Germano of Cortland; five grandchildren, Angela (Jason) Menz, Marla (Dan) Chain, Jim (Renee) Fogarty and Jenna and Jacqueline Germano; four great-grandchildren, D.J., Dylan, Drew and Olivia; and many loving nieces, nephews and friends. His parents, eight brothers and two sisters are deceased.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor such a wonderful human being, an avid participant of democracy, a veteran, and above all, a family man. Jerry Castellano was, indeed, a model American.

#### RECOGNIZING MAYOR MORRIS VANCE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VISTA

### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the public service of Mayor Morris Vance on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Vista. I commend Mayor Vance on his 29 years of public service.

Starting with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Brigham Young University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California, Mr. Vance began his career by serving in various local government positions throughout the Los Angeles area. He joined the City of Vista as City Manager in 1981, a post which he served for 17 years.

In the role as City Manager, Mr. Vance led the establishment of the Vista Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment Project area, establishment of the Vista Economic Development Association (VEDA) and Downtown Commercial Revitalization Program, as well as the development of a Business Park, Industrial Park and a multi-tier Capital Improvement Program and Budgeting System.

Mr. Vance was then elected Mayor of Vista in November of 2002. At the city helm, he worked with officials to put the city on a course for success. Critical programs include the Ask, Share, Know meeting program which provides a forum for residents to meet face-to-face with city officials and council members to have their questions answered about current and pending city projects. Mayor Vance was also instrumental in establishing Operation H.O.P.E., a temporary winter shelter for homeless families and women by providing them an opportunity to get back on their feet and lead them toward self-sufficiency.

To improve community spirit and safety, Mayor Vance led an effort to construct the new Vista Civic Center and two new fire stations. Along with the City Council, Mayor Vance worked to convert Vista into a Charter City to gain the maximum amount of local authority.

Wearing many hats, Mayor Vance also serves on the board of directors for the Regional Transportation Planning Authority, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, the Encina Wastewater Authority and is a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Shadowridge Vista along with other regional organizations. In 2009 he was honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the Distinguished Citizen Good Scout of the Year title.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to please join me in honoring Mayor Morris Vance and his 29 years of admirable public service to the City of Vista.

IN HONOR OF THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 120th anniversary of Saint Joseph Academy—the only all-girl Catholic high school in the City of Cleveland.

Saint Joseph Academy was formed in 1890, when the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph created a secondary school for young women, focused on academic excellence, and built upon a foundation of faith, social justice, and service to others.

The mission of Saint Joseph Academy, with a focus on young women becoming leaders in the community, was dramatically ahead of its time. Today, the school has grown in size and in scope of programs offered, but the core mission has remained the same: to mentor young women in a positive and creative atmosphere, as they transition to becoming responsible, independent and compassionate leaders; to hone their academic and interpersonal skills; and to reach their goals and dreams with personal commitments to justice, equality, compassion and integrity.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of all students, staff and administrators of Saint Joseph Academy of Cleveland, Ohio, past and present, as we celebrate their 120th anniversary. The Academy exists as a vital source of opportunity through academic achievement, and also as a springboard of personal strength, confidence and integrity for every young woman who has ever entered its doors, brightening the futures of every student, and ultimately, strengthening the foundation of our entire community.

CONGRATULATING DR. JULIA A. HEATH FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE 2010 CARNEGIE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING TENNESSEE PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Julia A. Heath, University

of Memphis Fogelman College of Business and Economics professor, for being recognized as the 2010 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Tennessee Professor of the Year. Professors bestowed this award have demonstrated dedication to undergraduate teaching based on their impact on and involvement with students, their scholarly approach to teaching and learning, their contribution to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession, and their support from colleagues, current and former undergraduate students.

Dr. Heath has contributed greatly to the Fogelman College course selection. She developed several new courses including 'The Economics of Sports' and 'Men, Women and Work.' She is in the process of developing an Economics and Law course that will be added to the department's elective rotation in spring 2011. Professor Heath developed and taught a Ph.D. Teaching Seminar for the teaching assistants in the College where she would tape each student and provide individual feedback.

Professor Heath has worked diligently to advance financial literacy for school children across the state of Tennessee. Serving as the director of the Center for Economic Education at the University of Memphis, she initiated the Smart Tennessee program which has provided financial literacy instruction to elementary, middle and high schools across the state. In recognition of her dedication to financial literacy, she was named Educator of the Year by The Institute for Financial Literacy, receiving its Excellence in Financial Literacy Education Award.

This most recent award will be added to her already impressive list of honors. In addition to being named Educator of the Year, Dr. Heath was the winner of the 2010 University of Memphis' Distinguished Teaching Award. She received the 2008 Elzinga Award by the Southern Economic Association—the economic discipline's highest recognition of teaching excellence. Dr. Heath is also the recipient of The Thomas W. Briggs Teaching Excellence Award, the Teaching Excellence Fellowship and has been named Senior Fellow for Redefining Progress.

Dr. Julia Heath has represented the University of Memphis Fogelman College of Business well. Her hard work and dedication to teaching and higher education has been recognized by University of Memphis president Shirley Raines, her colleagues and by many across the nation. Madam Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Dr. Julia Heath on being selected as the 2010 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Tennessee Professor of the Year.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support for H. Res. 1637, the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Act. This act recognizes the importance of efforts to raise awareness of this problem

nationally, while educating health care workers about the signs of domestic abuse and its long-term effect.

Domestic violence affects people of all races, religions, cultures, gender, age and economic standing. In New York City alone, it is estimated that over 25,000 women suffer some sort of domestic abuse annually. In New York State, over 20,000 women sought assistance from the authorities last year. Although much has been accomplished since the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, much remains to be done.

This is not a problem that affects women alone; children, teenagers, men and the elderly can also be affected, either directly or indirectly. For example, research shows that children who grow up in violent households tend to do badly in school, abuse drugs or alcohol, engage in prostitution or become abusers themselves when they are older. This is why it is important for Congress to broaden and strengthen its efforts in educating the public about this issue.

I commend Rep. TED POE of Texas for his legislation recognizing National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the work that needs to be done, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill. I also commend the work of activists, organizations and law enforcement agencies in raising awareness of this issue.

RECOGNIZING AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LEGENDARY RUGBY PLAYER LA'AULI MICHAEL NIKO JONES

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the legendary rugby player La'auli Michael Niko Jones. On Monday, I had the privilege to welcome Mr. Jones, his wife Maliena and son Levi to the U.S. Capitol. Known to his fans around the world as Iceman because of the calm and confident manner in which he played the game, but also because of the number of icepacks he needed for injuries, Jones was born in Auckland, New Zealand. He first entered the rugby scene in 1986 as a 20-year old and scored three tries in his debut for the Auckland provincial side against South Canterbury. His breakthrough performance at such a young age was a strong indicator of what lay in Jones' future. Being of Samoan descent on his maternal side, Jones played for Manu Samoa in his first international debut instead against Wales. Since then, his rugby career took off, leading him to become one of the greatest rugby players of all time.

Jones first played for the New Zealand All Blacks in the inaugural World Cup in 1987 and scored the first try of the tournament. As an open side flanker, Jones was well known for powerfully running through the heart of the backline defense and then finding space to offload. With the ball in hand, he had the finesse and judgment of an inside or outside center. His bone crunching tackles on defense were feared by opponents. In a sport in which the individual must exhibit both defensive and offensive skills, Jones exemplified the complete rugby player.

Despite the many accolades he received as a result of his on-field feats, Jones was well known for holding true to his religious beliefs and values. As a devout Christian, and in line with a promise he made to his dying father, Jones never played on Sunday. Staying firm in these convictions, however, sometimes brought criticism from the media and often created problems for the New Zealand Rugby Union. His unwavering beliefs under pressure stand as a testament to his commitment and sacrifice.

Throughout his rugby career, Jones exemplified commitment, sacrifice, and love for education, religion, family and country both on and off the field. He holds a Bachelor of Planning (B. Plan), a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and a Master of Arts (M.A.) from the University of Auckland and in 1997 was honored by his university with a Distinguished Alumni Award. This past weekend, Jones was invited as a special guest to participate in the 14th Annual Ambassador's Shield Match Day, which features a rugby match pitting the New Zealand Ambassador's XV against a combined selection of professional U.S. rugby players in order to celebrate New Zealand culture and raise support for the rugby program at the Hyde Leadership Public Charter School in Washington, DC.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE RIGHT  
REVEREND AND HONORABLE SIR  
PAUL ALFRED REEVES, CHAN-  
CELLOR OF AUCKLAND UNIVER-  
SITY OF TECHNOLOGY

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Right Reverend and Honorable Sir Paul Alfred Reeves, current Chancellor of Auckland University of Technology, AUT. It was my high honor and privilege to welcome this distinguished gentleman to Capitol Hill on Monday. Sir Paul came to Washington, D.C. in partnership with New Zealand's ambassador to the United States to support the 14th annual Ambassador's Shield Rugby Match.

Sir Paul, who has given a lifetime of esteemed public service, attended Victoria University of Wellington where he received his B.A. in 1955 and M.A. in 1956. He then began to pursue ordination in the Anglican Church at St. John's Theological College in Auckland, where he graduated with a Licentiate in Theology, L.Th., in 1958. After serving as a deacon in Tokoroa, New Zealand, he was ordained a priest in 1960 and served two curacies in England. During this time, Sir Paul

enrolled in St. Peter's College at the University of Oxford where he received another M.A. as an Honorary Fellow. He returned to New Zealand to become the Vicar of Okato. St. Paul, lecturer at St. John's College and an educational director for the Anglican Diocese of Auckland. In 1971, he was consecrated to the episcopate, becoming the Bishop of Waiapu.

From 1980–1985, Sir Paul served as Archbishop and Primate of New Zealand, with full oversight of the Church's affairs throughout the country. Queen Elizabeth II subsequently appointed him to be the Governor-General of New Zealand, a post which he held until 1990. As Governor-General, he acted as the Queen's representative in New Zealand and the de facto head of state. Sir Paul was the first and, to date, only person of Maori descent to hold this highly esteemed position.

Sir Paul was elected as Chancellor of AUT in 2005 and two years later he received his country's greatest honor when he was admitted to the Order of New Zealand.

Sir Paul's understated dignity, quiet demeanor and ability to carefully listen to others belie the highly distinguished political and ecclesiastical positions that he has held throughout his career. It is with great admiration that I submit this statement to pay tribute to Sir Paul Reeves and offer this good man my very best wishes as he continues his legacy of selfless public service.



## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Com-

mittee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## DECEMBER 1

10:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine transition and implementation, focusing on the NASA Authorization Act of 2010.

SR-253